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A number of particularly important earthquake accelerograms were measured by instruments that were located in the Near-Field region of several recent earthquakes. For a strike-slip or a thrust fault earthquake, this region is taken to be the area within and immediately adjacent to the surface trace or the surface prediction of the fault rupture plane and its extension to the earth's surface. Such accelerograms are termed near-field earthquake accelerograms. They possess the following features that differ from other earthquake accelerograms:

- distinctive pulse-like time histories,
- high peak velocities, and
- high ground displacements.

These features of near-field ground motion have not yet been well documented and are generally not considered in seismic design. It has been shown, however, that they can place very serious demand on structures located in the near-field region of an earthquake [1].

This report presents uniformly processed data for 12 near-field earthquake accelerograms obtained from four recent earthquakes. The results are presented in the following format:

- time histories of acceleration, velocity, and displacement rotated to east-west, north-south, and maximum velocity directions,
- horizontal particle trajectories,
- Response Spectra for the east-west, north-south, and maximum velocity directions, and
- Drift Demand Spectra for the east-west, north-south, and maximum velocity directions.

Tables 1-4 summarize the relevant information for the earthquakes and near-field accelerograms in this report. Plots of time histories, horizontal particle trajectories, Response Spectra and Drift Demand Spectra are presented in the figures following Table 4.

All accelerograms were uniformly corrected using the processing scheme developed by Iwan and Chen [2]. This includes appropriate instrument correction according to the instrument type and baseline correction without band-pass filtering.

The time history, Response Spectrum and Drift Demand Spectrum for the north-south component of the El Centro (ELC) accelerogram obtained in the 1940 Imperial Valley earthquake are included in Appendix 1 for purposes of comparison. As shown by their response and Drift Demand Spectra, all 12 earthquake accelerograms featured in this report place much higher demands on the response and interstory drift of structures than does the standard ELC ground motion. This suggests that the widely used ELC accelerogram may be inadequate for some design purposes.

All data processing, response and Drift Demand Spectral computations, and plotting were performed using a Matlab-based package [4].

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Table 1. Twelve selected near-field earthquake accelerograms presented in this report

| Station Name | Tick | Earthquake | Epic. Dist. (km) | Soil Condition | Page |
|-------------------------------------|------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|------|
| Lucerne Valley Station | LUC | Landers | 42 | | 6 |
| Rinaldi Receiving Station | RRS | Northridge | 10 | alluvium | 17 |
| Sylmar Converter Station | SCS | Northridge | 12 | alluvium | 28 |
| Sylmar Converter Station - East | SCE | Northridge | 13 | sediment rock | 39 |
| Sylmar County Hospital Parking Lot | SCH | Northridge | 16 | alluvium | 50 |
| Arleta Nordhoff Avenue Fire Station | ARL | Northridge | 10 | deep alluvium | 61 |
| Newhall, LA County Fire Station | NHL | Northridge | 20 | alluvium | 72 |
| Santa Monica City Hall Grounds | SMC | Northridge | 23 | alluvium | 83 |
| Pardee Station | PAR | Northridge | 41 | | 94 |
| Takatori Station | TAK | Hyogo-Ken-Nanbu | 14 | soft soil | 105 |
| Kobe Station | KOB | Hyogo-Ken-Nanbu | 17 | soft soil | 116 |
| Erzincan Station | ERZ | Erzincan | 11 | deep alluvium | 127 |

Table 2. Four recent earthquakes from which near-field earthquake accelerograms were obtained

| Earthquake | Date | Magnitude (M_w) | Fault Type |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Landers, USA | July 24, 1992 | 7.5 | Strike-Slip |
| Northridge, USA | January 17, 1994 | 6.7 | Blind Thrust |
| Hyogo-Ken-Nanbu, Japan | January 17, 1995 | 6.9 | Strike-Slip |
| Erzincan, Turkey | March 13, 1992 | 6.9 | Strike-Slip |

Table 3. Parameters of strong motion accelerographs

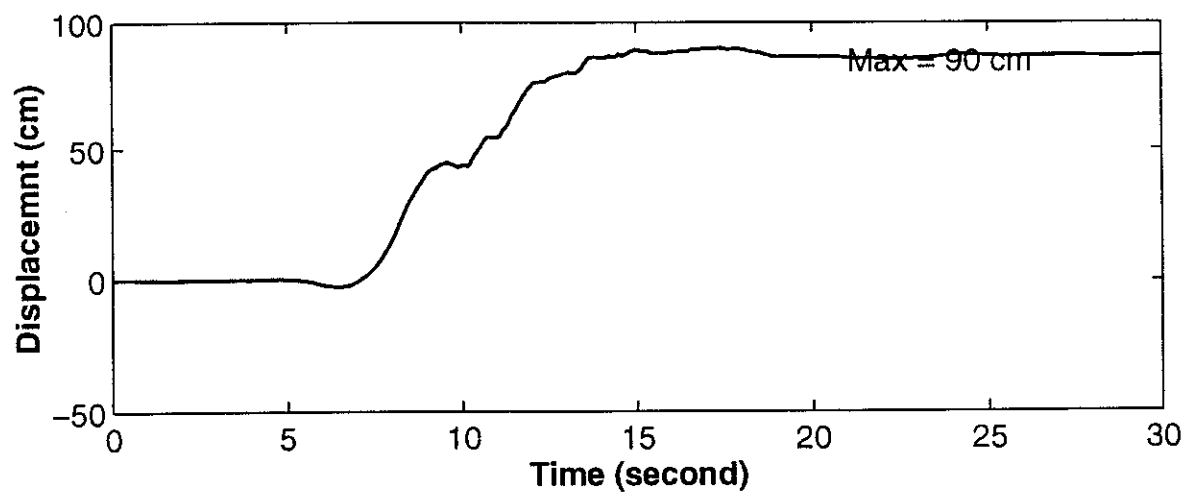
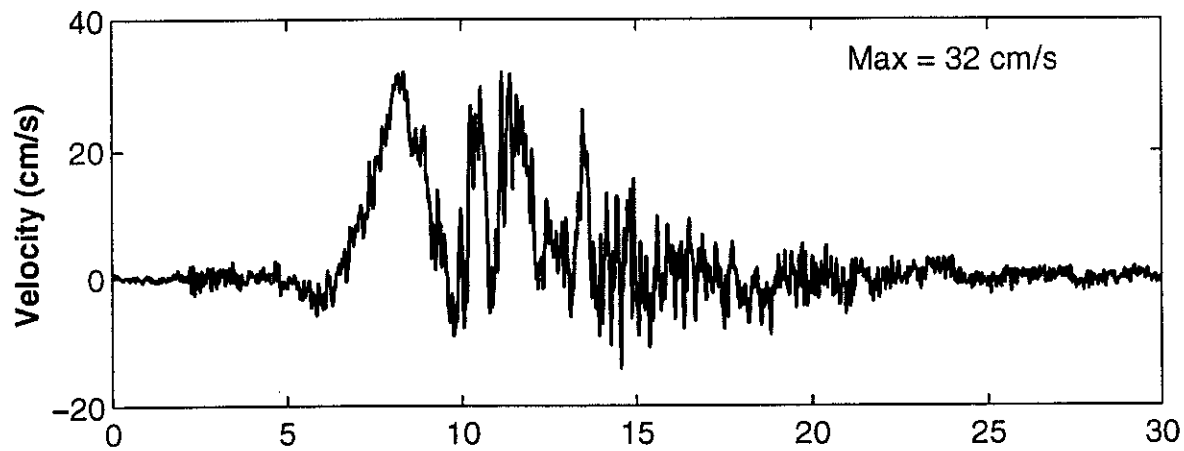
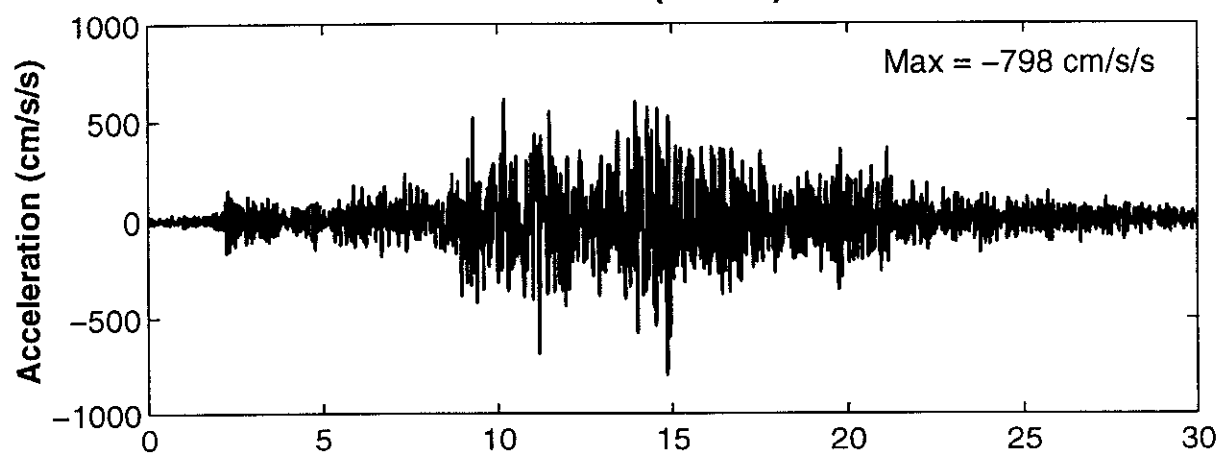
| Station | Owner | Instrument Type | Time Step (second) | Sensor Directions | Frequency (Hz) | Damping Ratio | Baseline Parameters |
|---------|-------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| LUC | SCE | SMA-2 | 1/256 | N00E N85W | 0.038 0.038 | 0.59 0.59 | |
| RRS | LADWP | SMA-1 | 0.005 | N42W S48W | 0.040 0.039 | 0.58 0.61 | 0.5,0,8,2 0.5,0,6,5,2 |
| SCS | LADWP | CRA-1 | 0.005 | N52E S38E | 0.019 0.020 | 0.64 0.65 | 0.5,0,12.5,3 0.5,0,11.5,3 |
| SCE | LADWP | SMA-1 | 0.005 | N18E N72W | 0.040 0.038 | 0.60 0.60 | 0.5,0,8,2 0.5,0,8,2 |
| SCH | CDMG | SMA-1 | 0.005 | N90E N00E | 0.0368 0.0375 | 0.60 0.60 | 1,0,15,2 1,0,11,3 |
| ARL | CDMG | SMA-1 | 0.005 | N90E N00E | 0.0377 0.0397 | 0.61 0.61 | 1,0,20,1 1,0,26,1 |
| NHL | CDMG | SMA-1 | 0.005 | N90E N00E | 0.0383 0.0388 | 0.56 0.58 | 2,0,13,0 0.5,1,16,2 |
| SMC | CDMG | SMA-1 | 0.005 | N90E N00E | 0.0383 0.0375 | 0.57 0.60 | 5,0,15,2 4.5,0,25,0 |
| PAR | SCE | SMA-2 | 0.005 | S00E N90E | 0.0392 0.0397 | 0.73 0.73 | 3,3,13,2 3,3,12.92,2 |
| TAK | RTRI | | 0.01 | N90E N00E | 0.100 0.100 | 0.70 0.70 | 5,0,3,1 5,0,3,1 |
| KOB | JMA | | 0.02 | N90E N00E | 0.100 0.100 | 0.70 0.70 | 4.5,0,20,1 4.5,0,20,1 |
| ERZ | ERD | SMA-1 | 0.01 | N90E N00E | 0.040 0.040 | 0.70 0.70 | 1.95,3,6.7,3 1.95,3,6.7,3 |

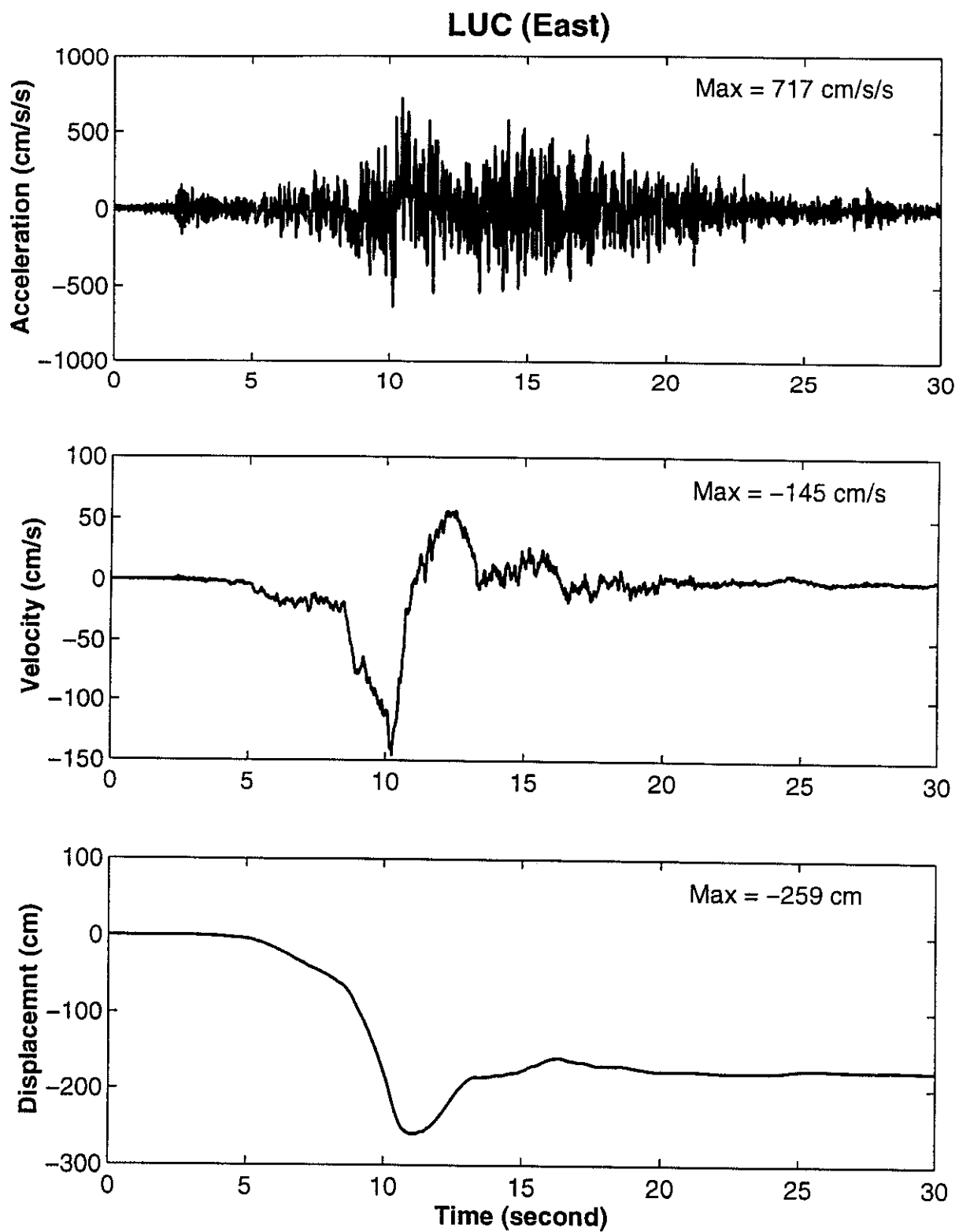
Table 4. Peak values of acceleration, velocity, and displacement for selected accelerograms

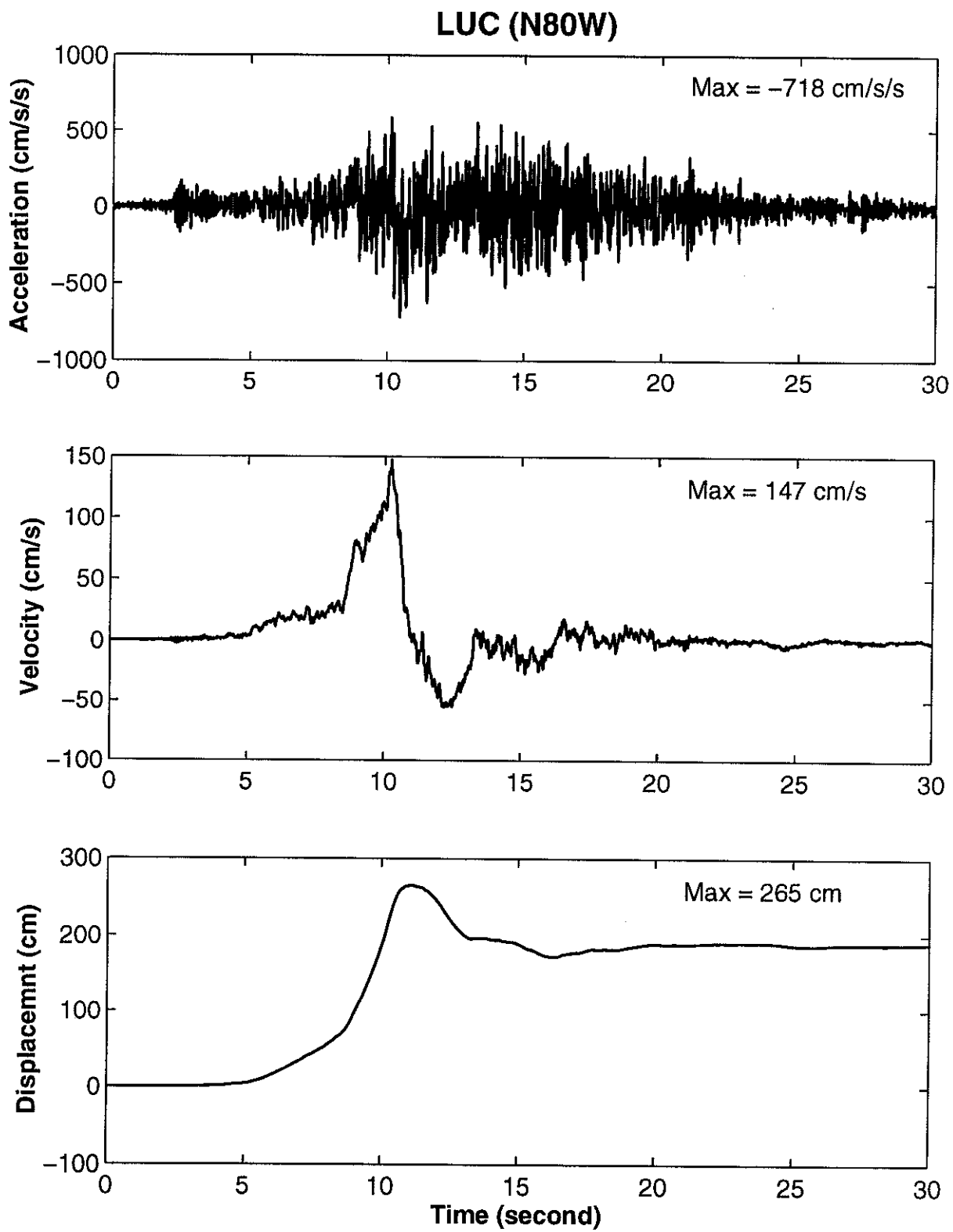
| Station | East | | | North | | | Maximum Velocity Direction | | | |
|---------|----------------|--------------|------------|----------------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| | PA (cm/s/s) | PV (cm/s) | PD (cm) | PA (cm/s/s) | PV (cm/s) | PD (cm) | Component | PA (cm/s/s) | PV (cm/s) | PD (cm) |
| LUC | 717 | -145 | -259 | -798 | 32 | 90 | N80W | -718 | 147 | 265 |
| RRS | 555 | -102 | -74 | 805 | -159 | -59 | S32W | -873 | 186 | 61 |
| SCS | 563 | -77 | 45 | 761 | -134 | 43 | S16W | -690 | 138 | -53 |
| SCE | 460 | -67 | 41 | 737 | -112 | -30 | S22W | -812 | 119 | -39 |
| SCH | 592 | -81 | -31 | 863 | -136 | -48 | S10W | -848 | 138 | 49 |
| ARL | 336 | -40 | 17 | 299 | -24 | -16 | S80W | -340 | 40 | -15 |
| NHL | -484 | -75 | 22 | 581 | -98 | 39 | S37W | -731 | 121 | -34 |
| SMC | -855 | 41 | -17 | -396 | 27 | -13 | N89E | -855 | 41 | -17 |
| PAR | 305 | 46 | -42 | -485 | -60 | -18 | S17W | 463 | 62 | 22 |
| TAK | 637 | -124 | 30 | 600 | 121 | -39 | N49W | 721 | 155 | -45 |
| KOB | 607 | -76 | -17 | -802 | 92 | 26 | N35W | -838 | 107 | 29 |
| ERZ | -482 | -90 | -47 | 390 | -110 | -40 | S31W | -433 | 126 | 52 |

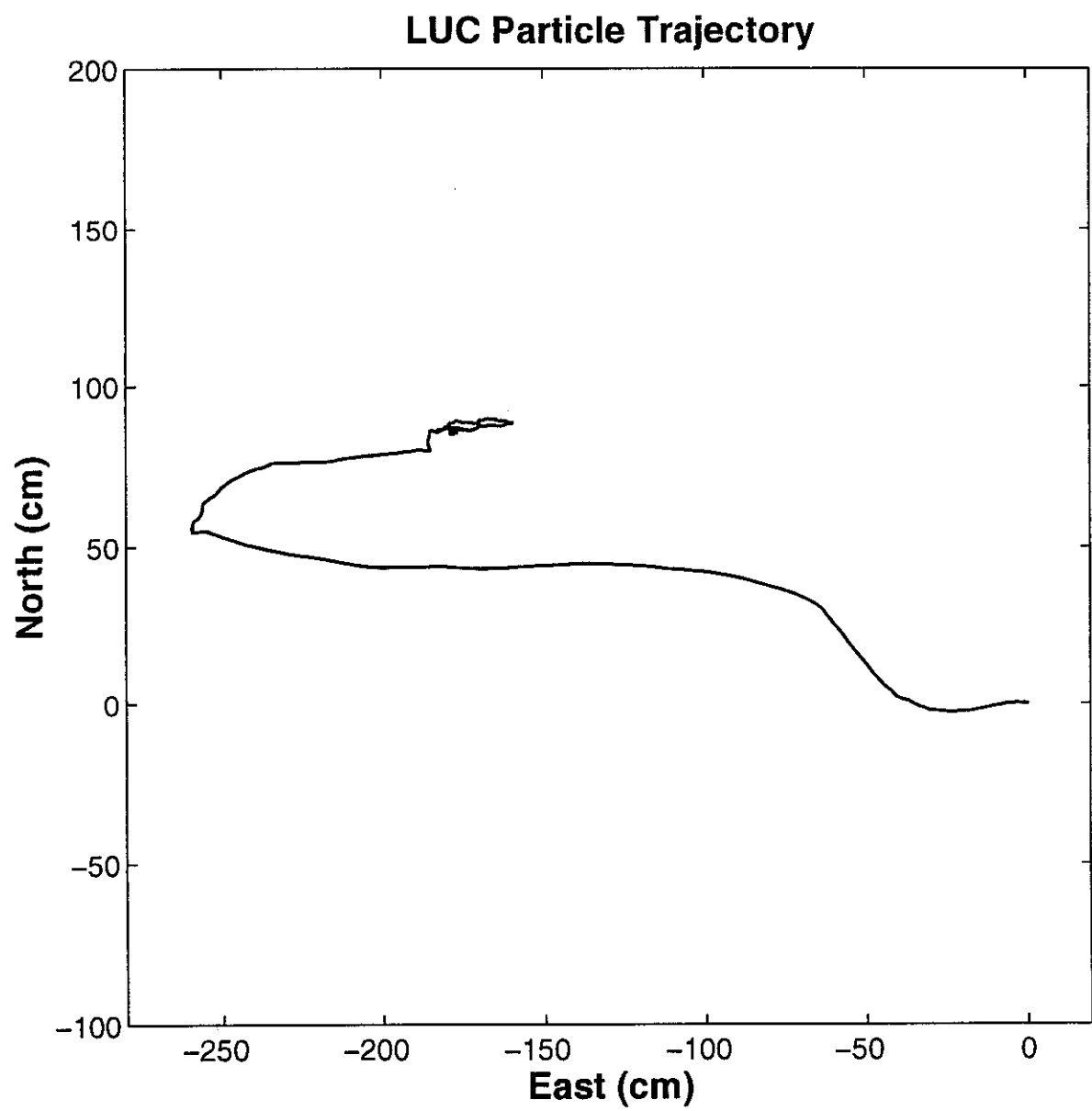
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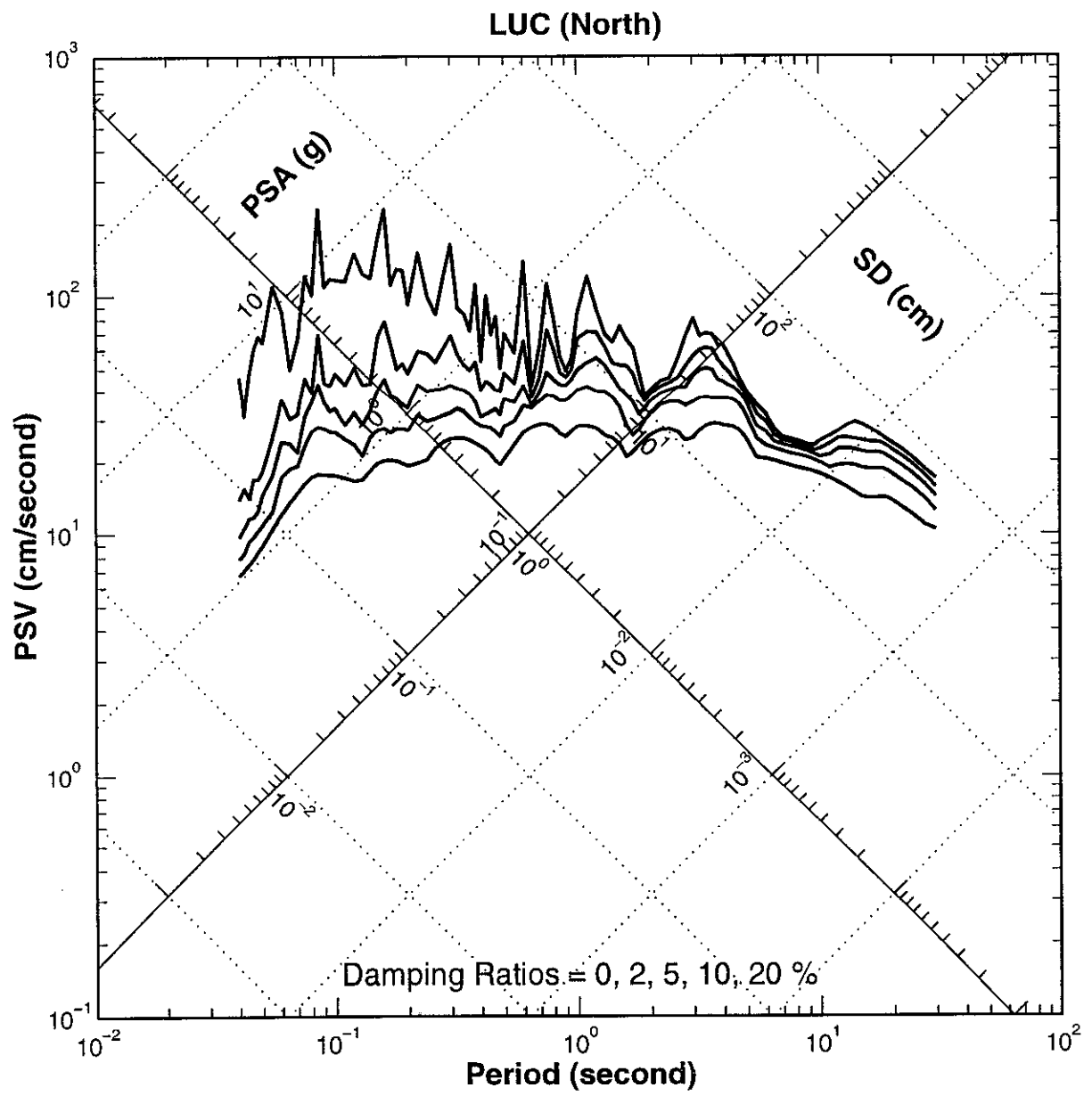
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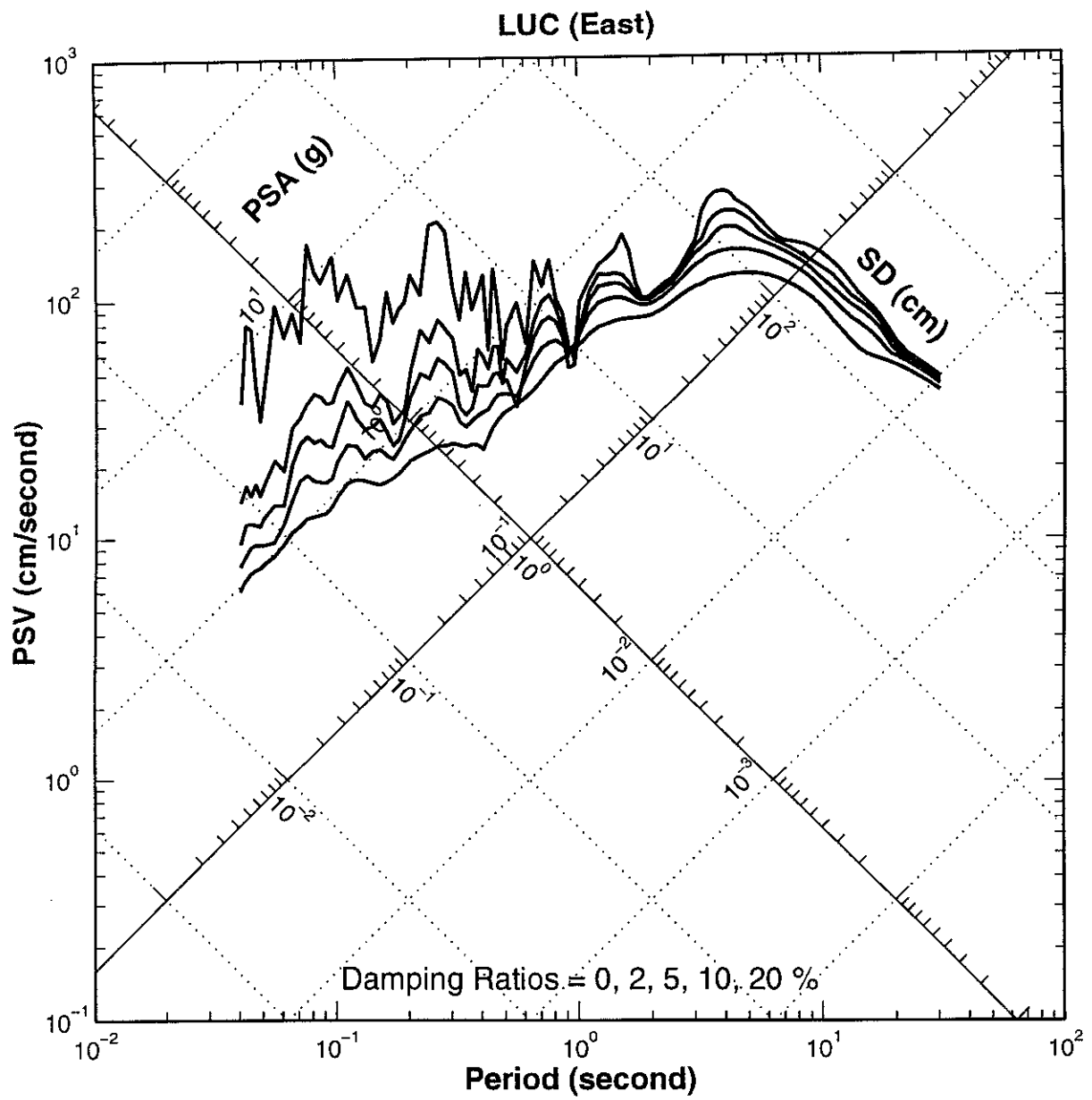


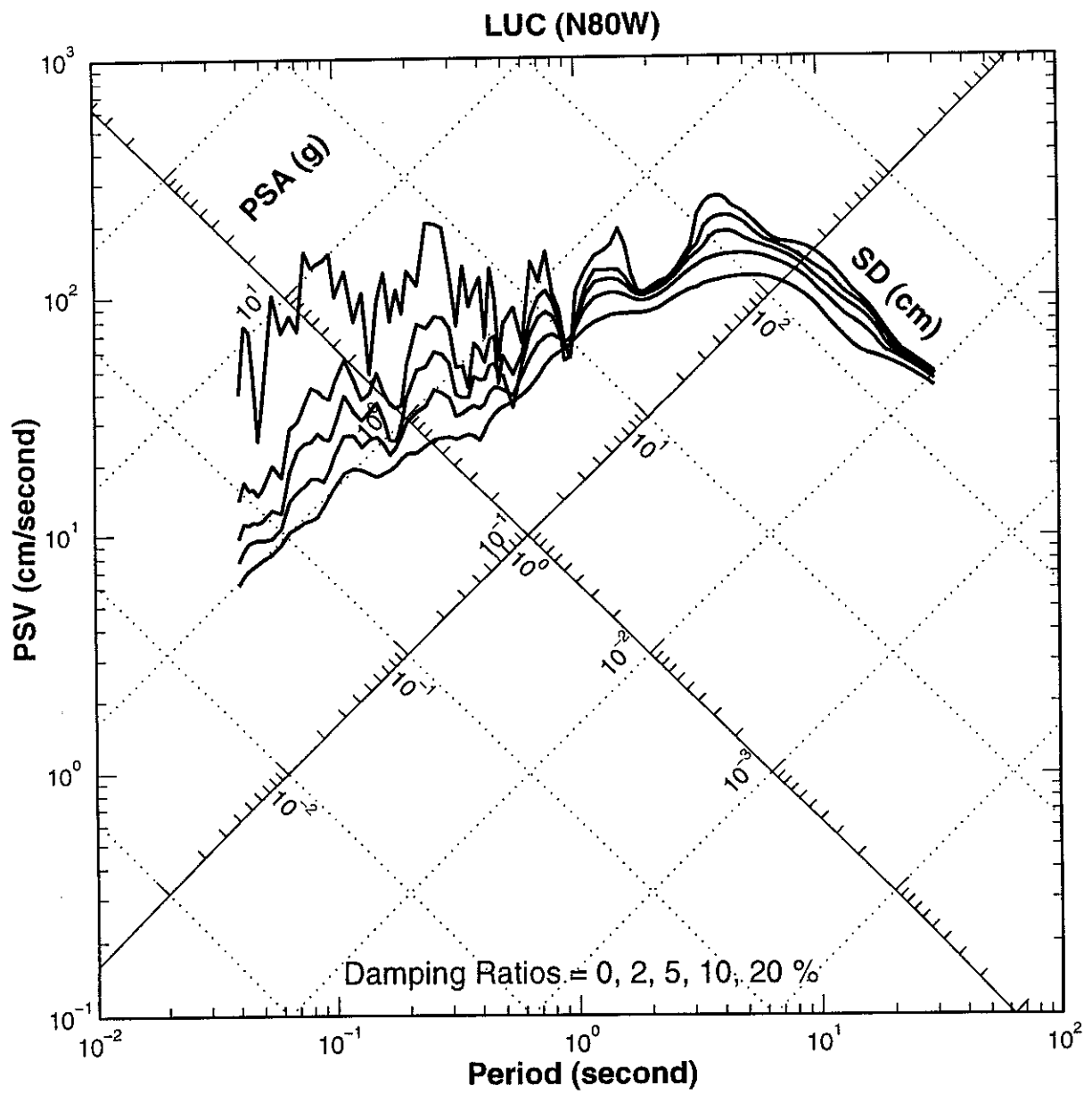


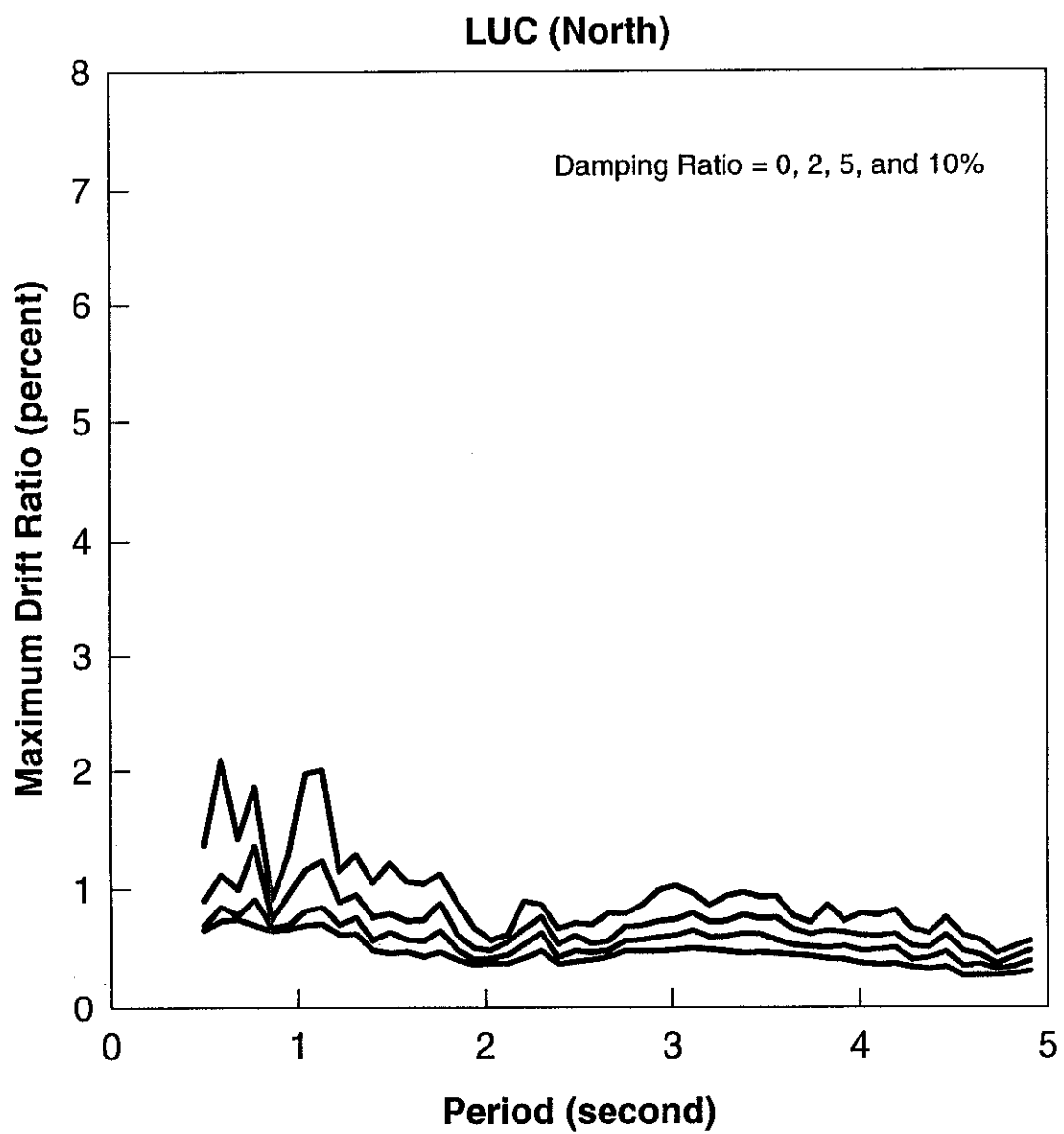


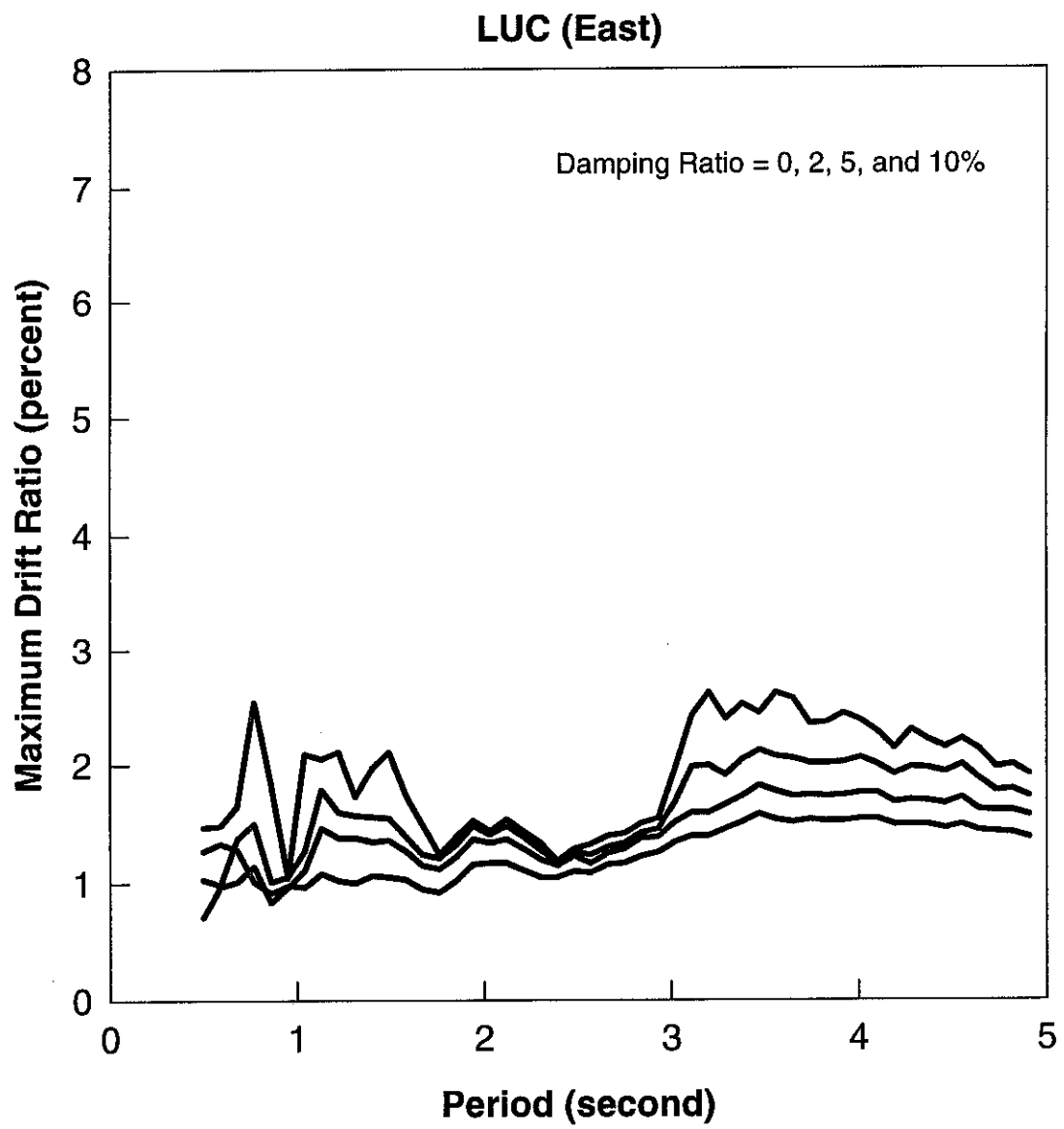


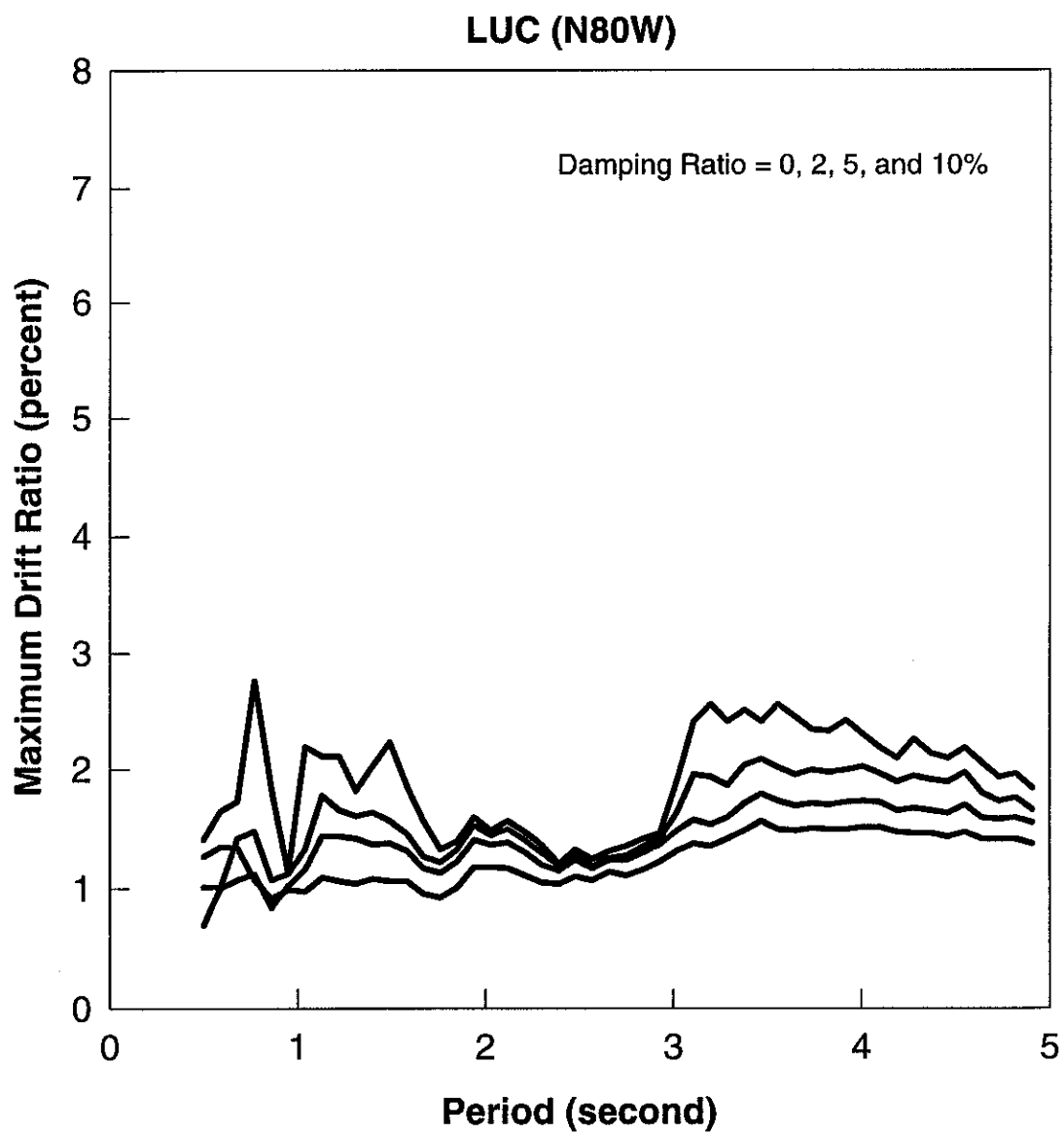




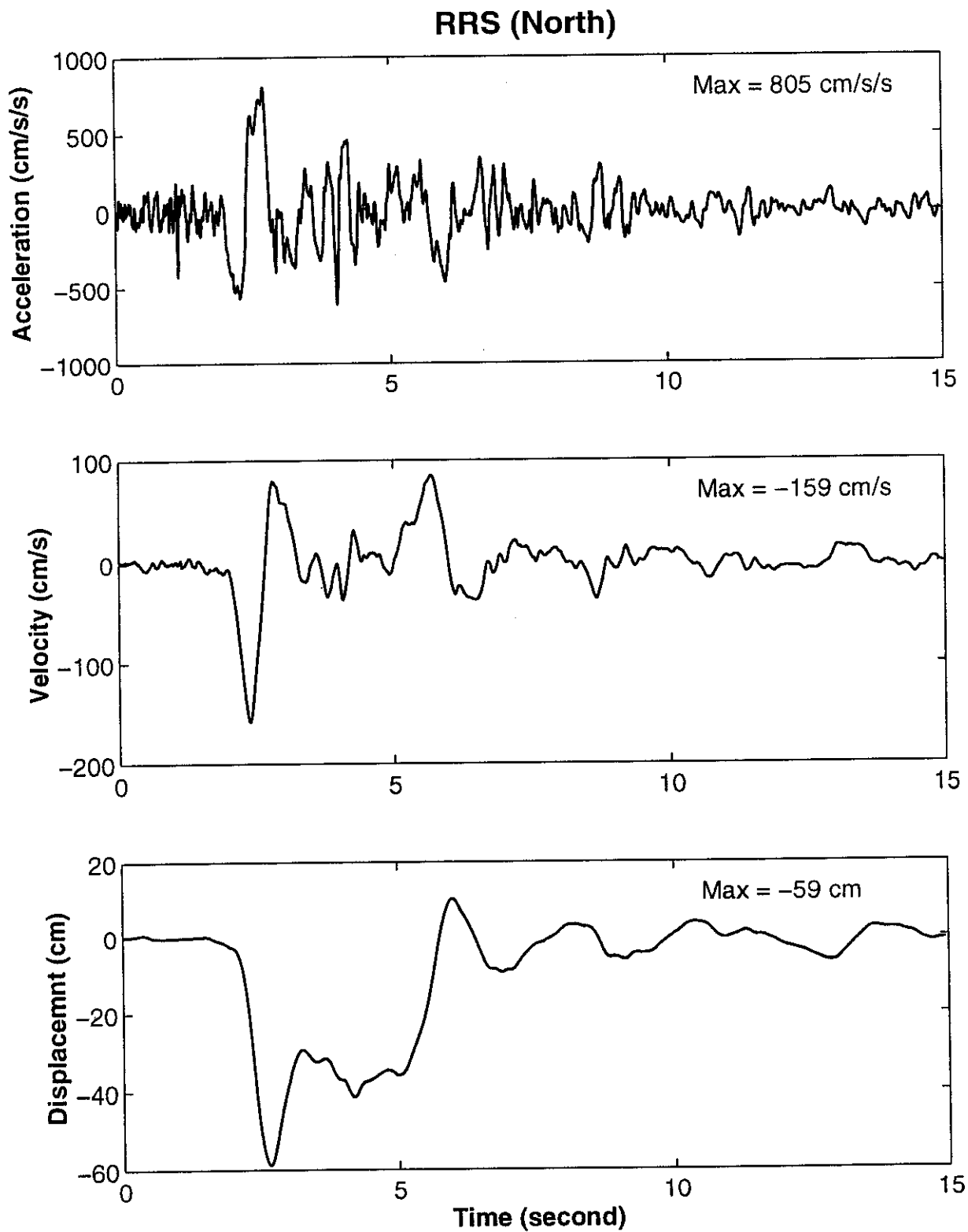


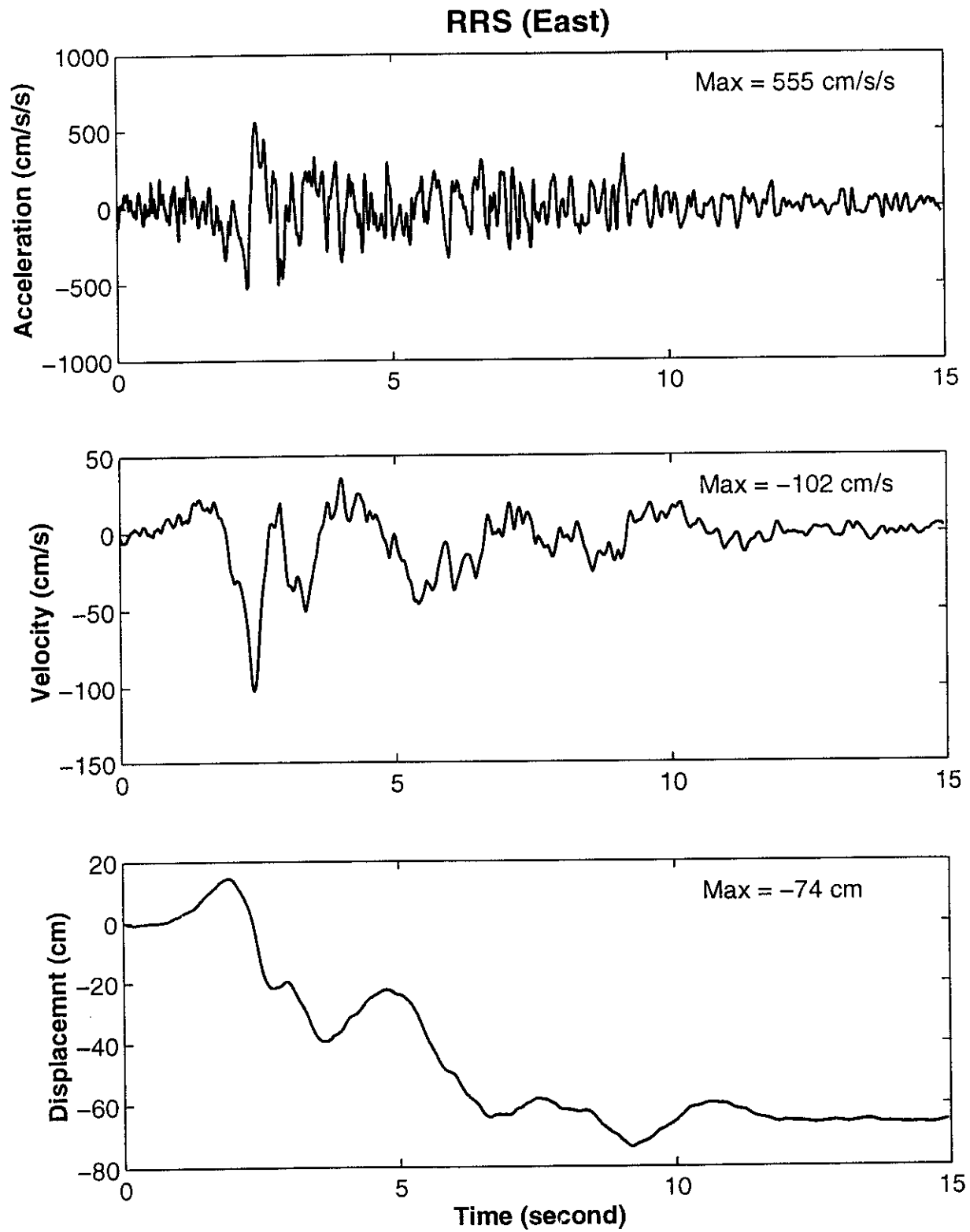




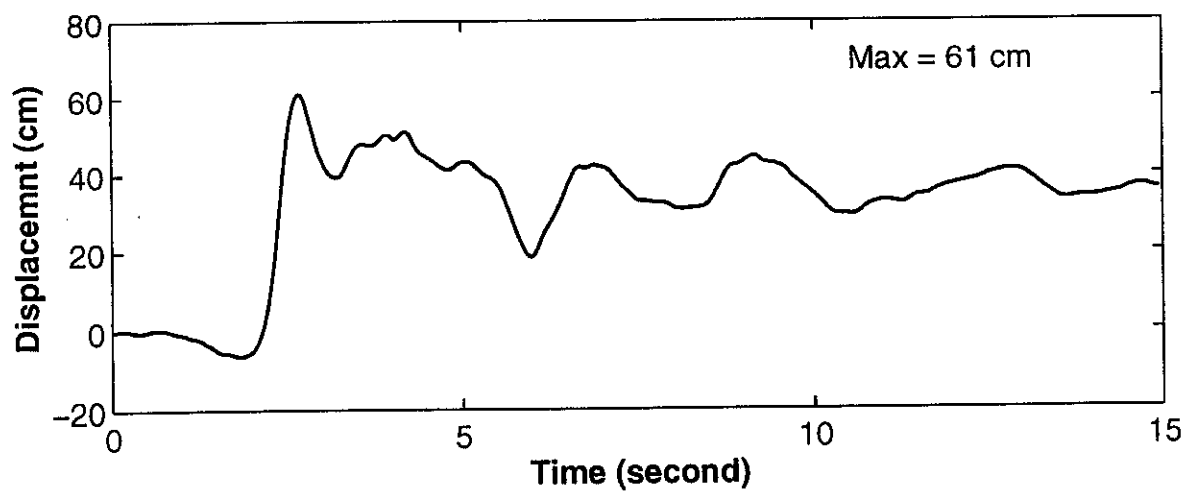
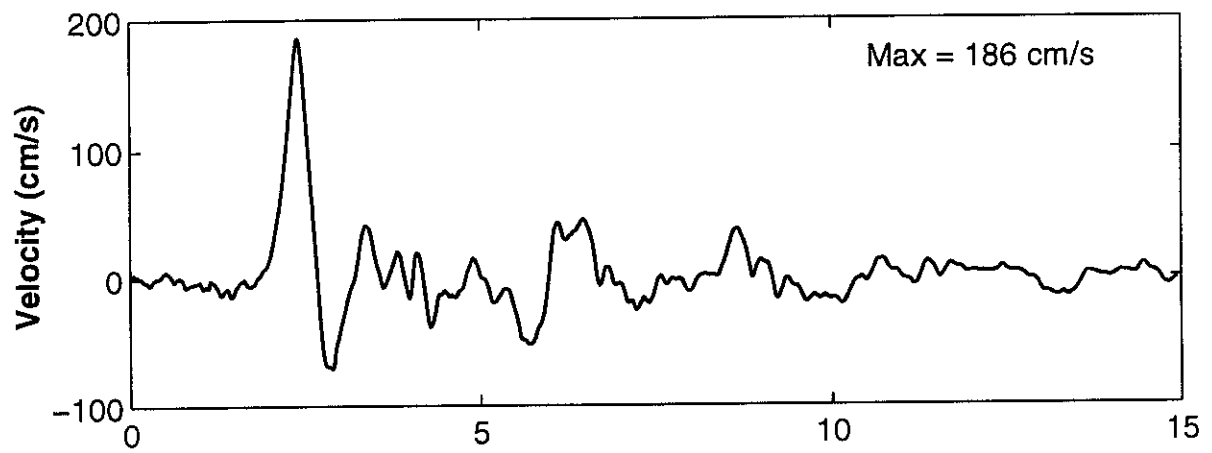
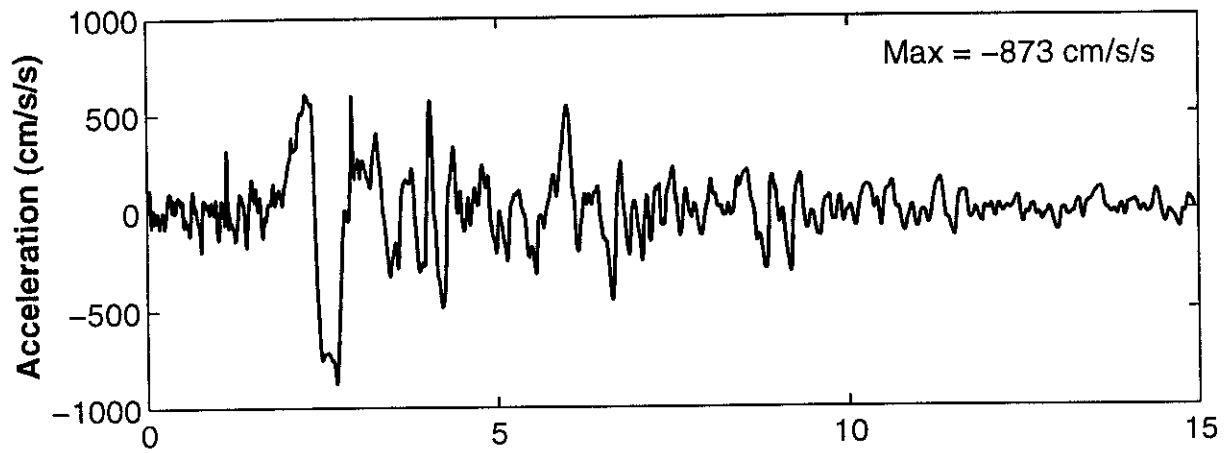


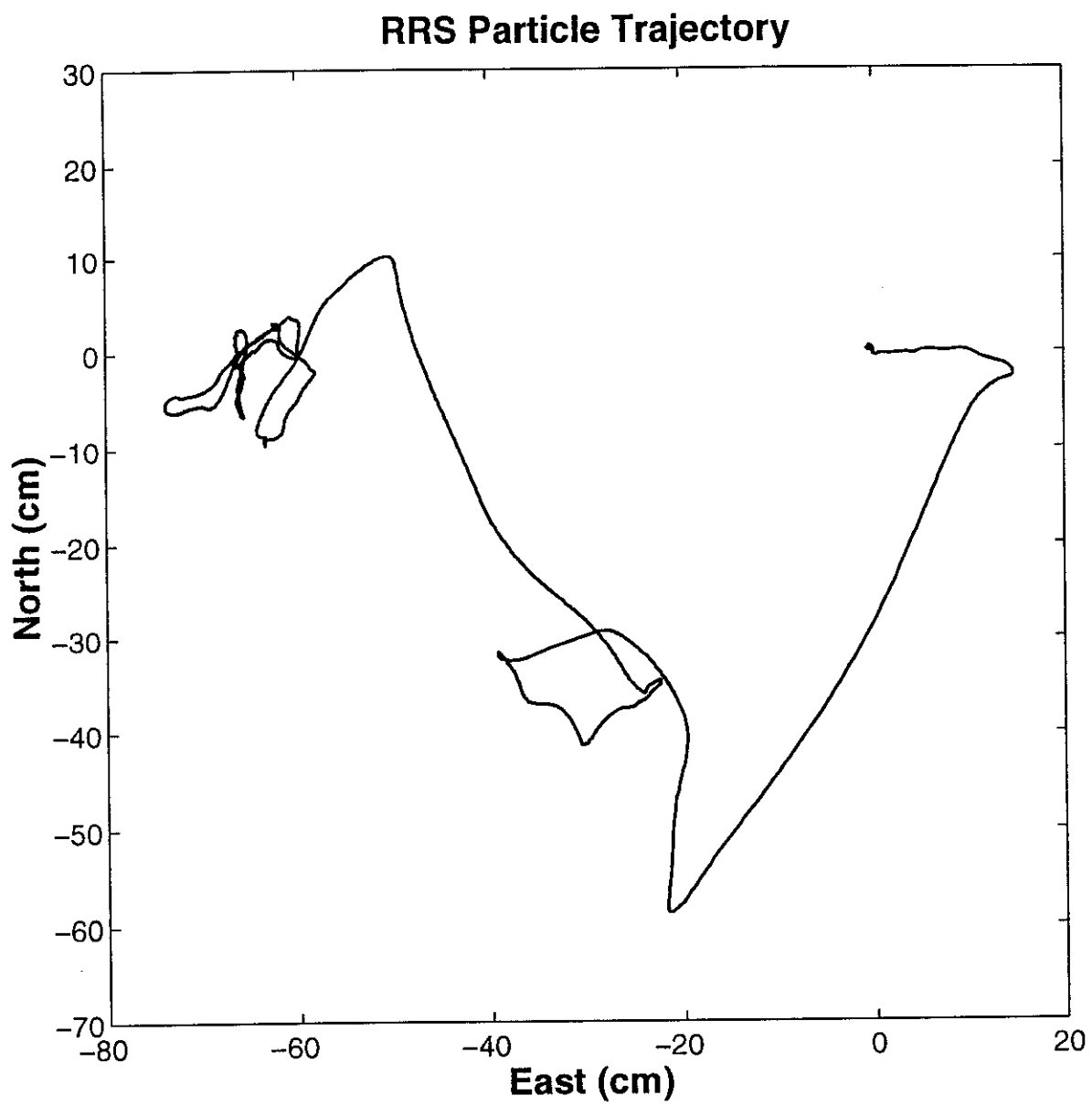
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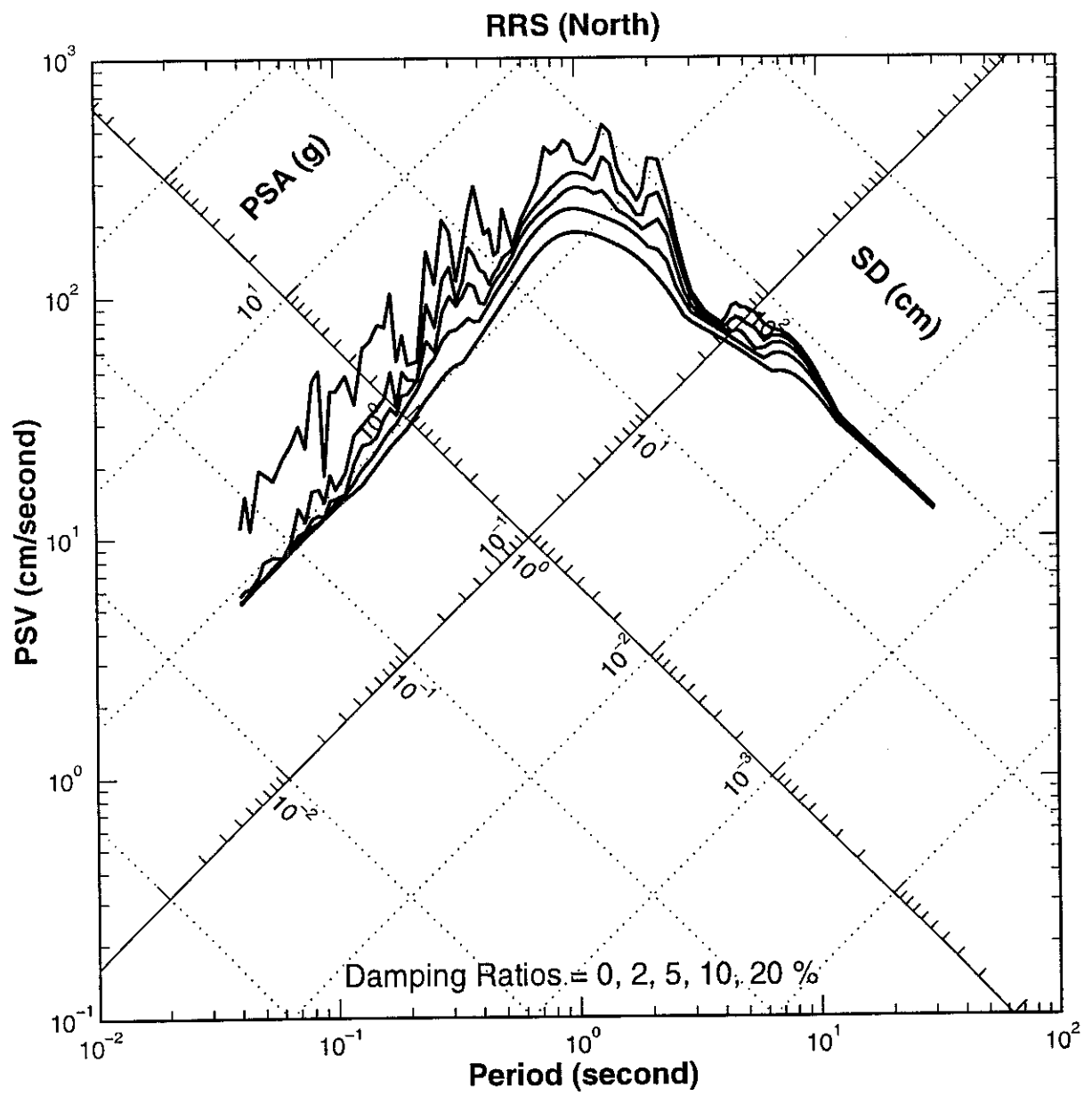


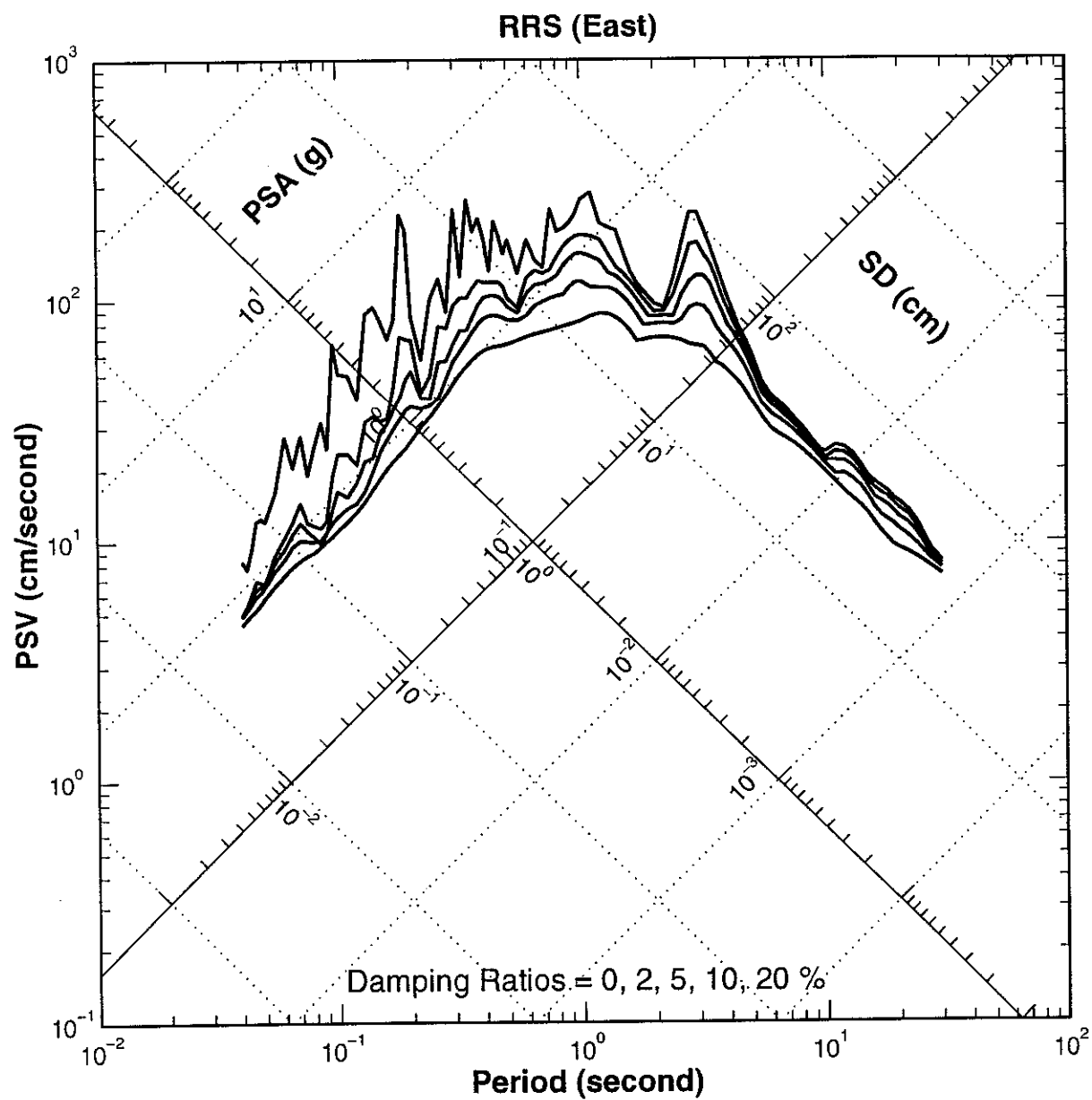


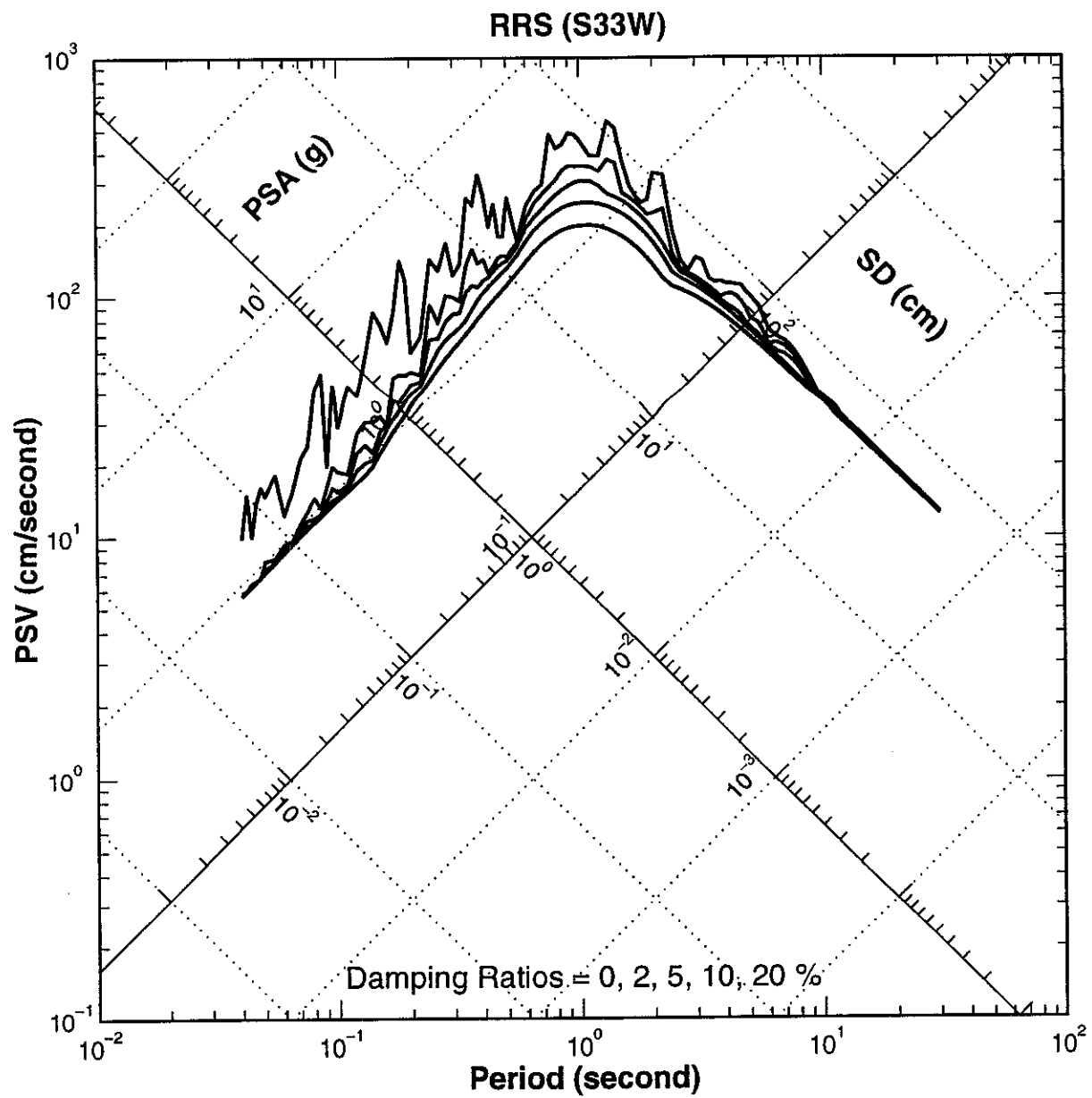
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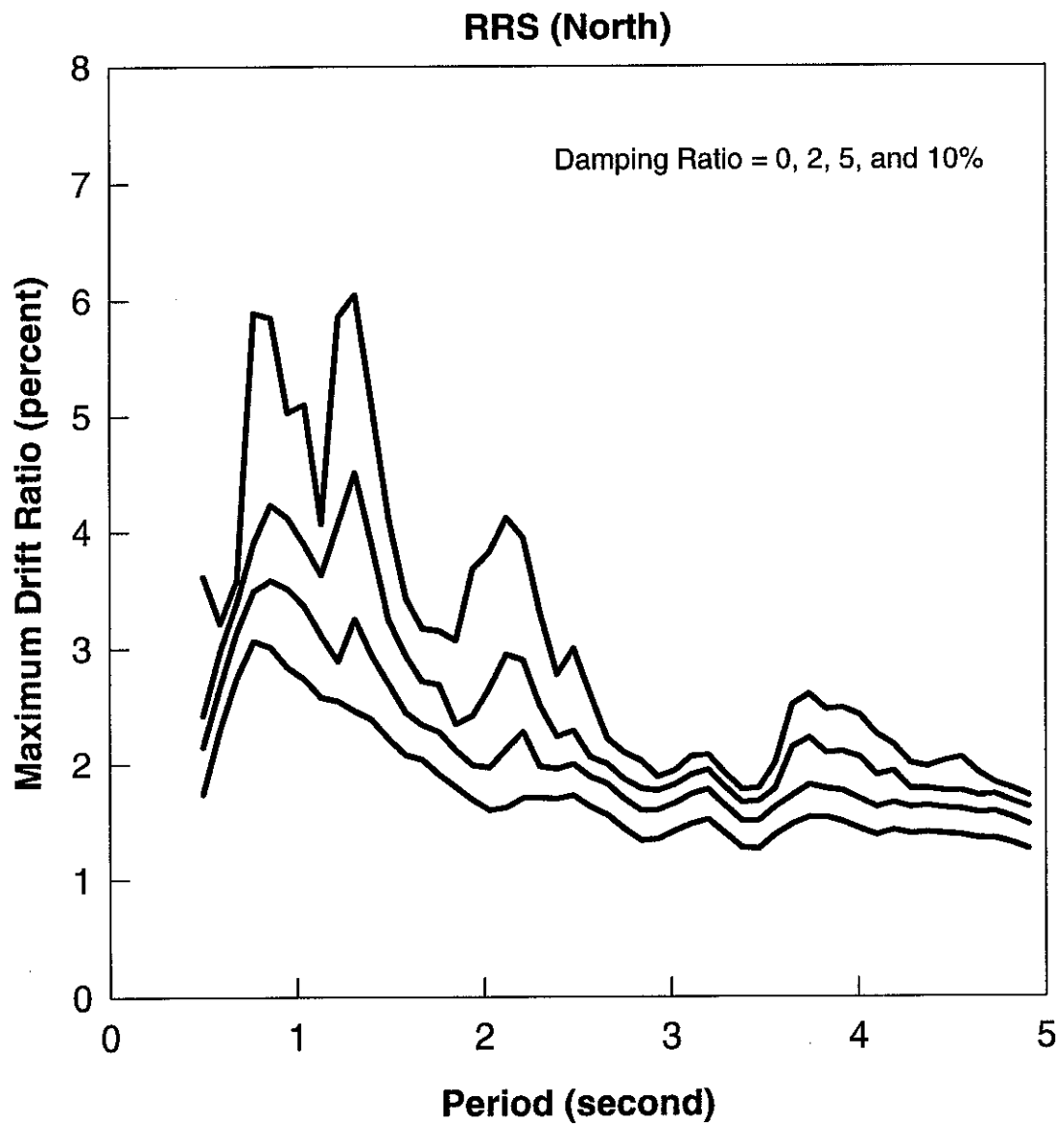


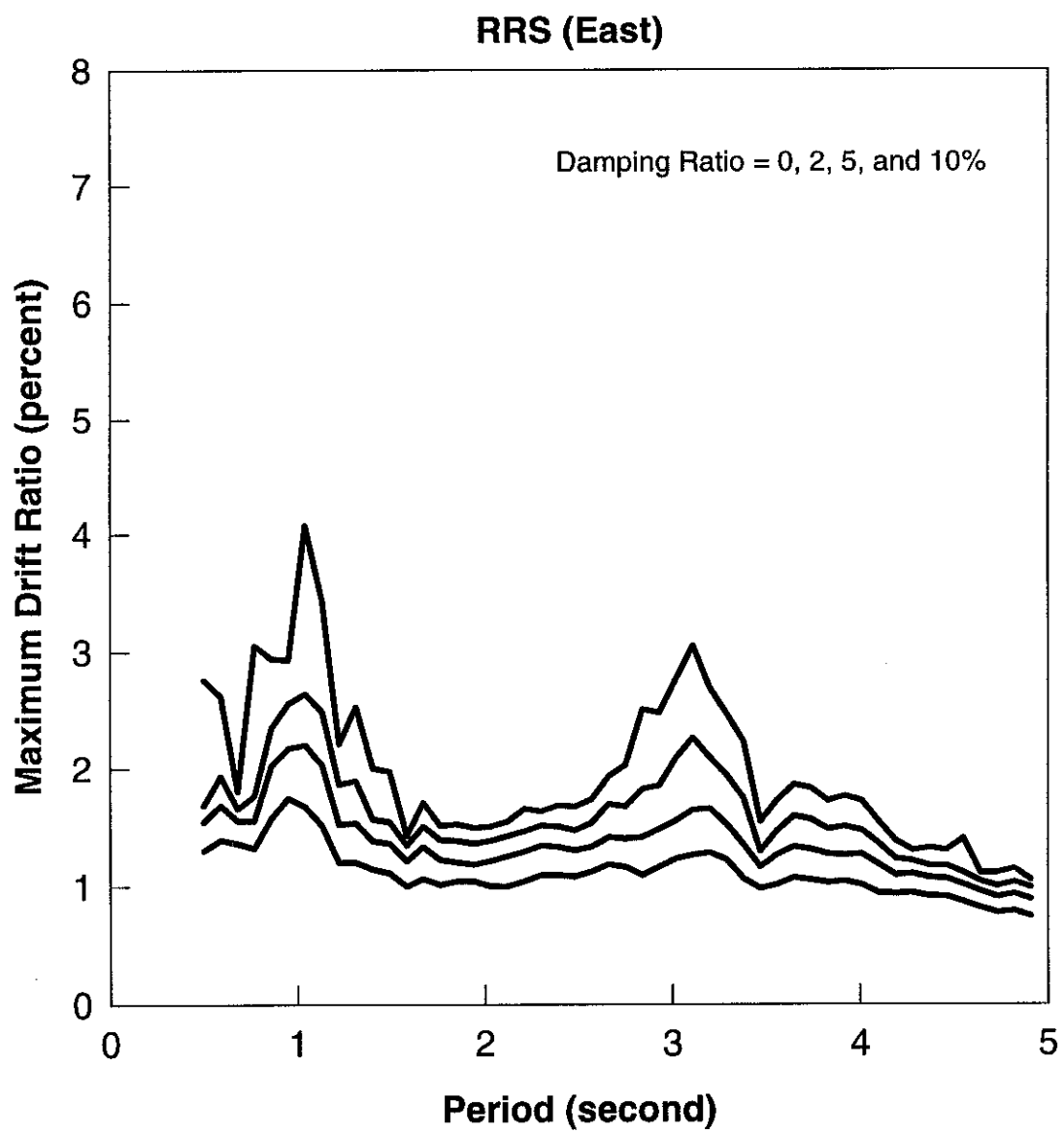


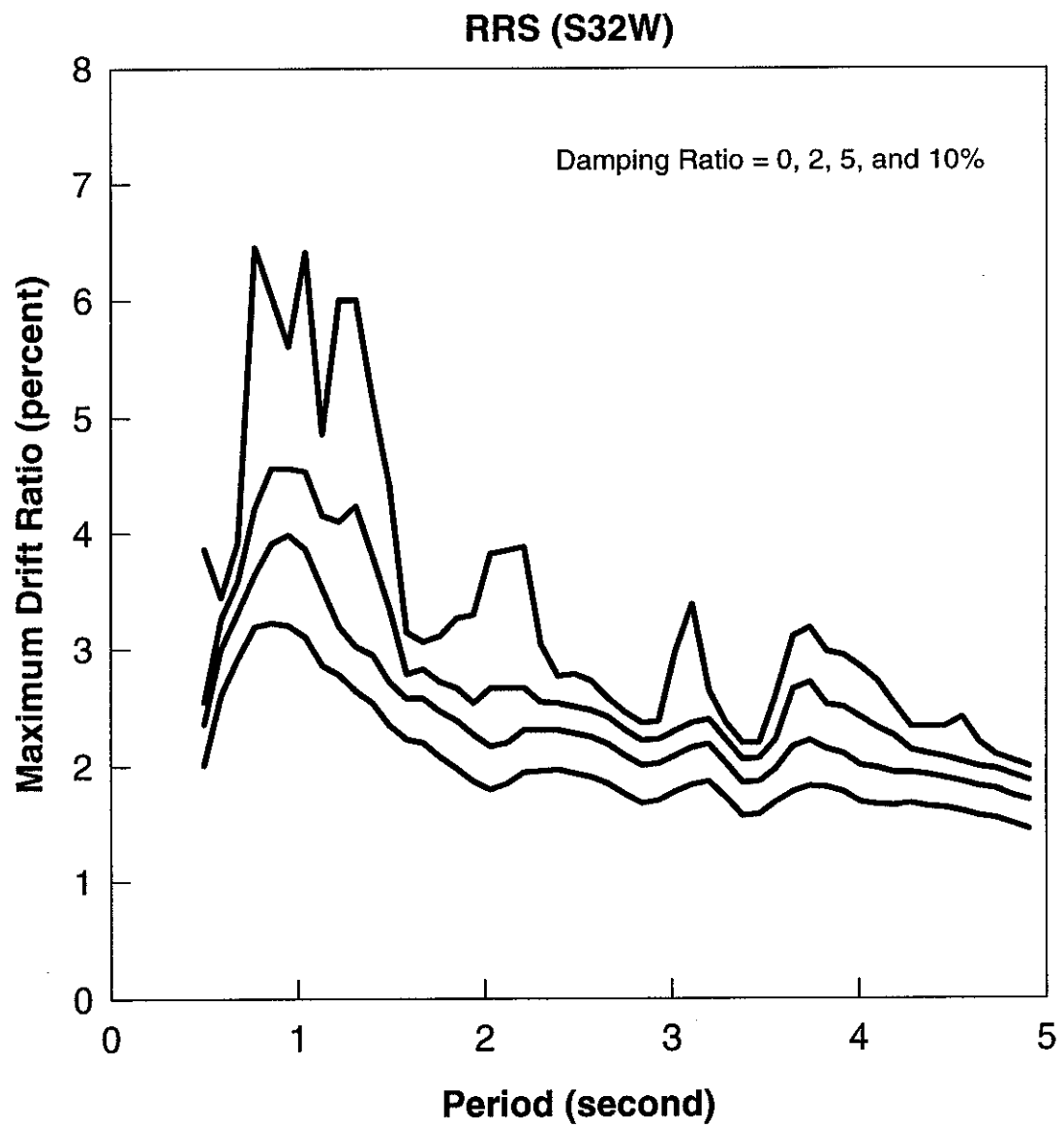




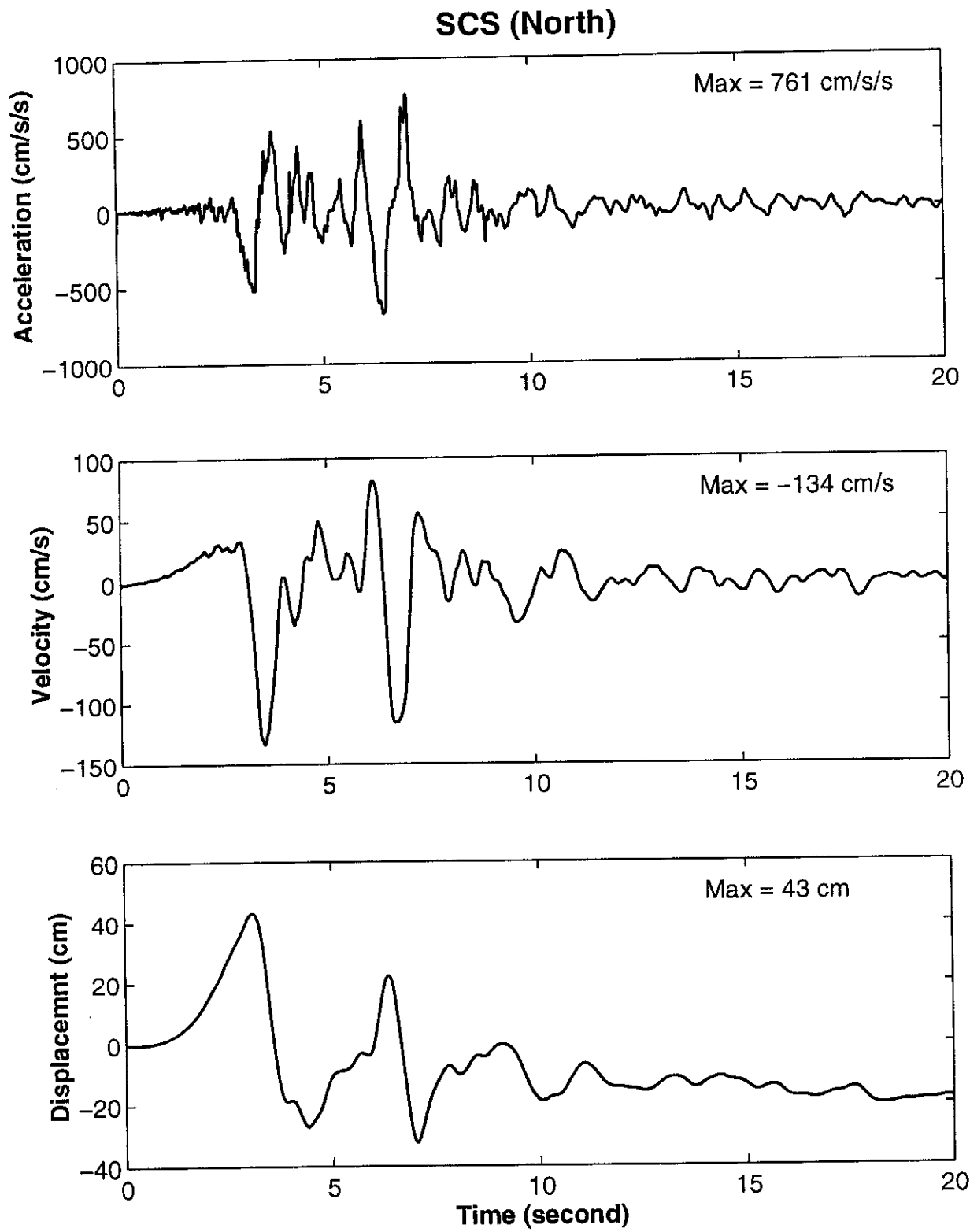


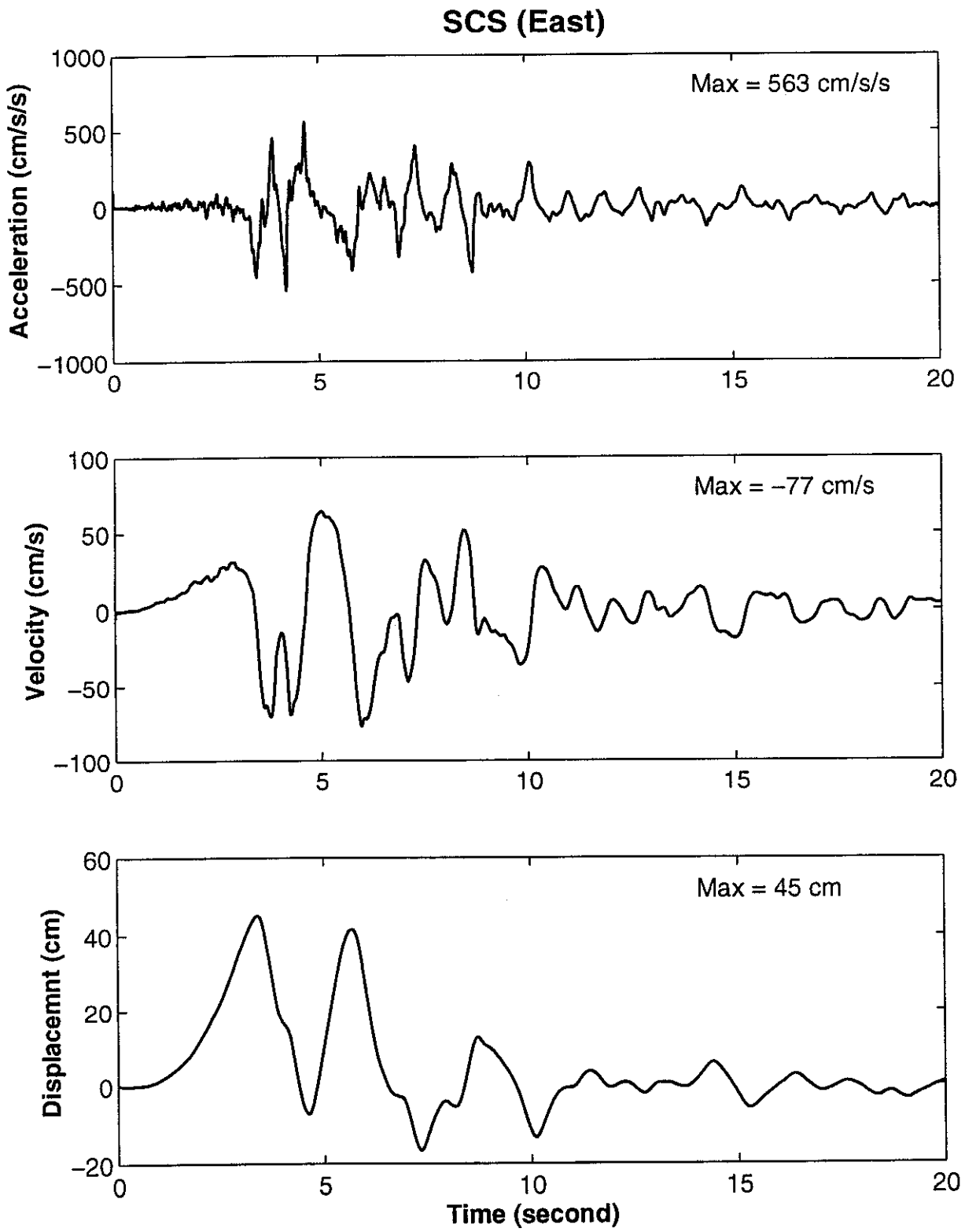




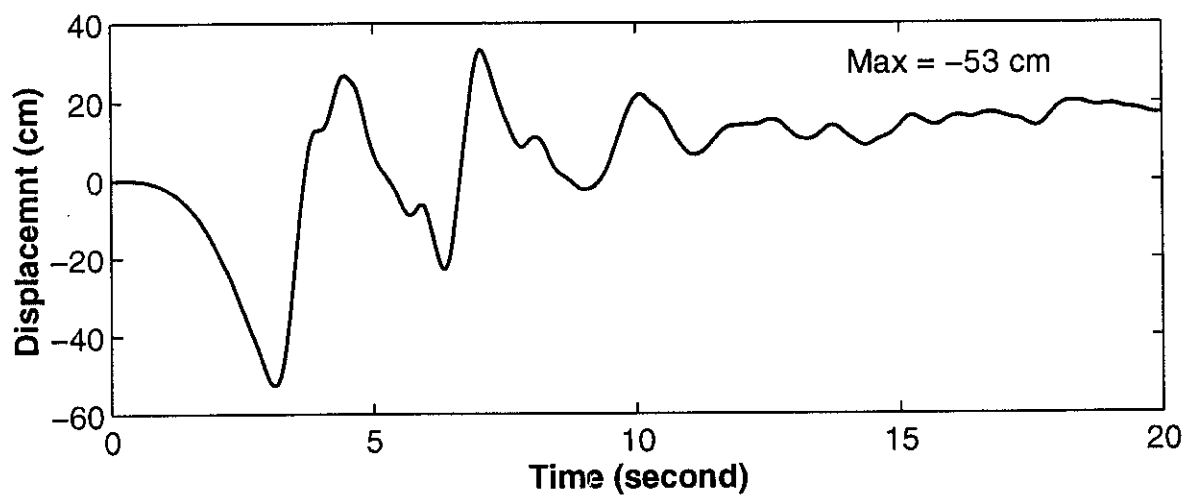
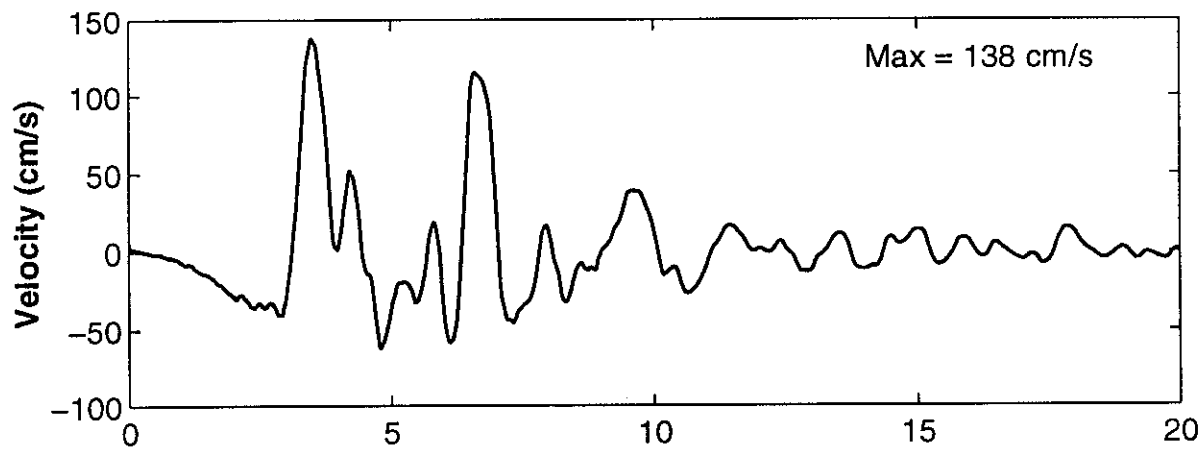
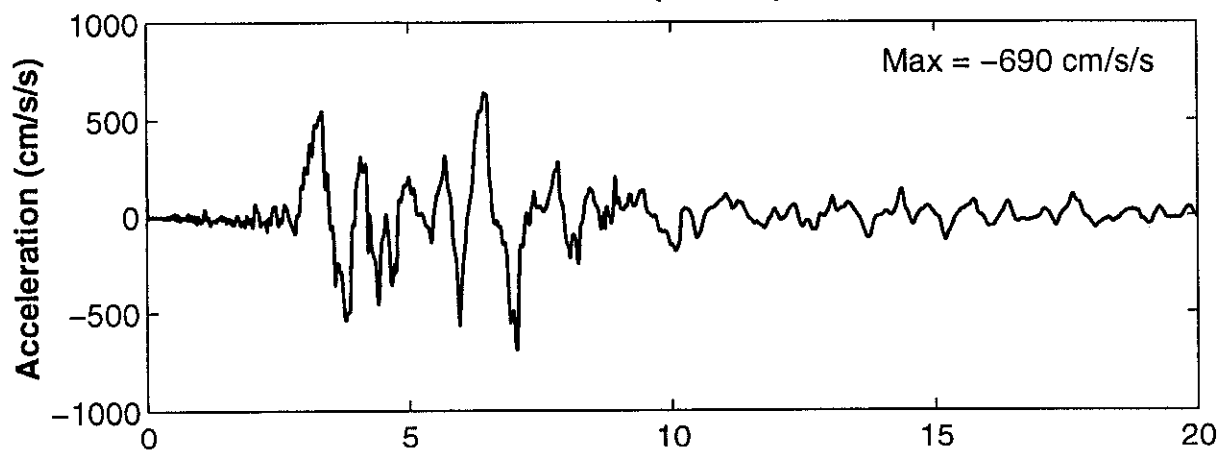


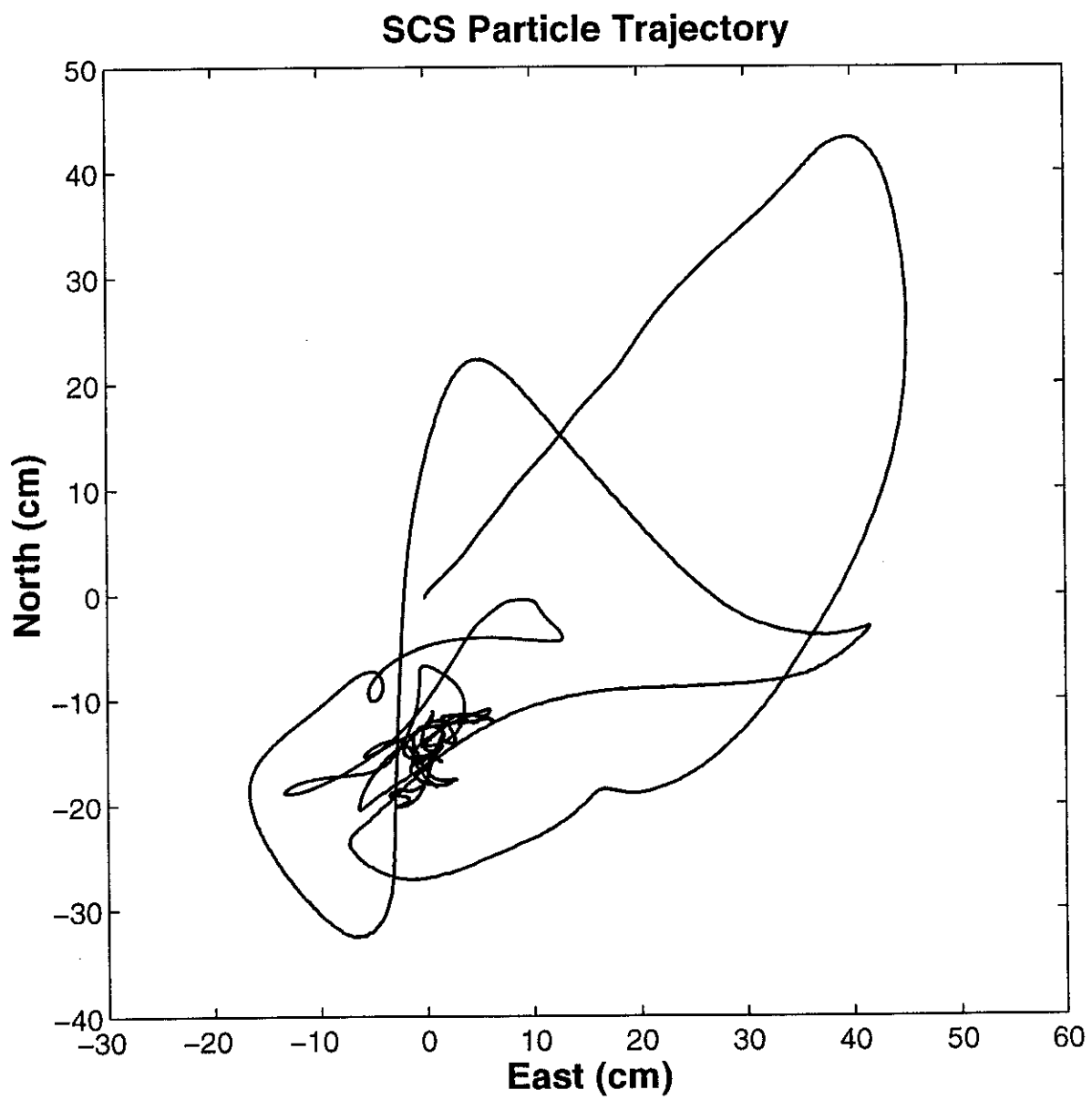
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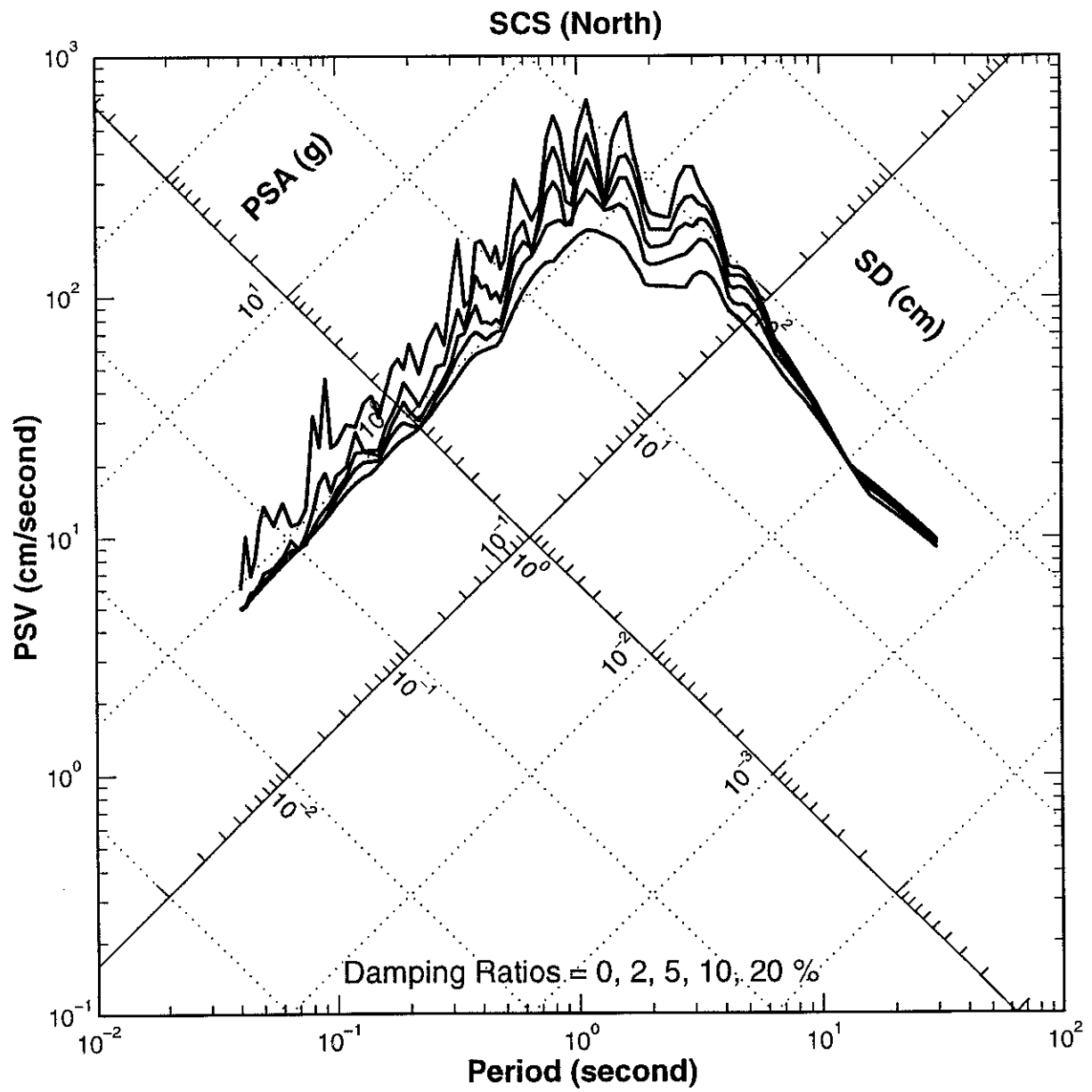


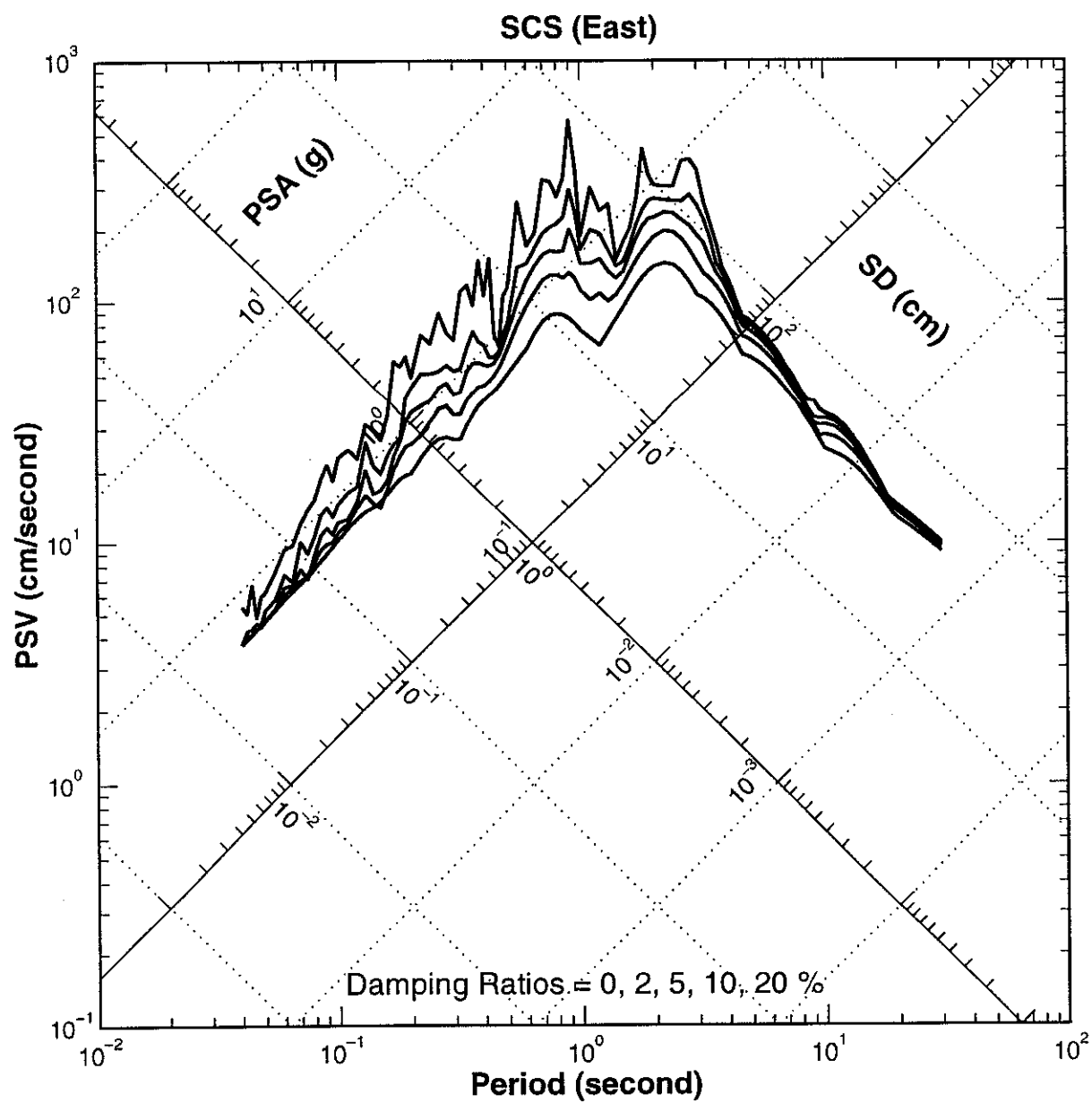


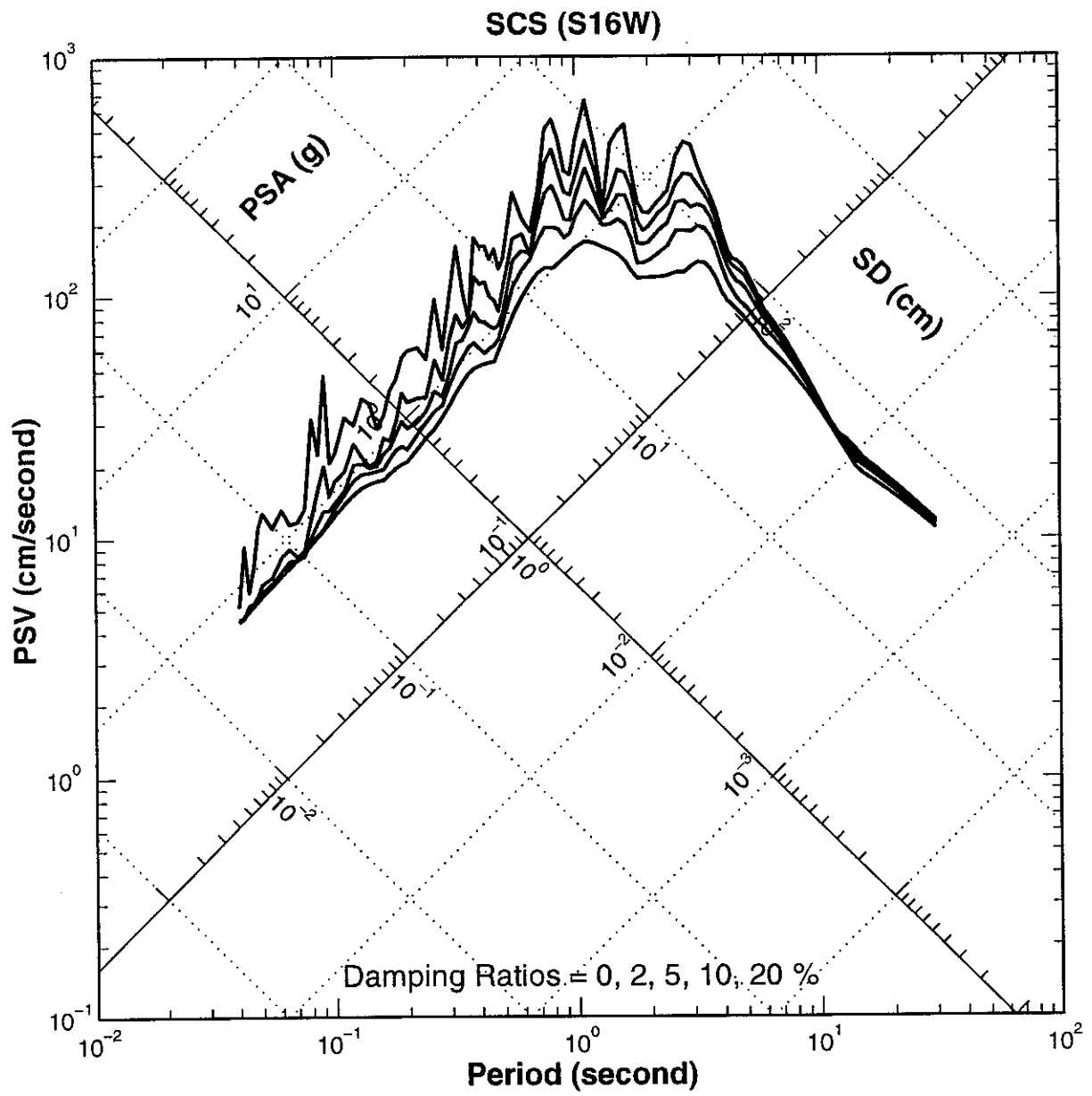
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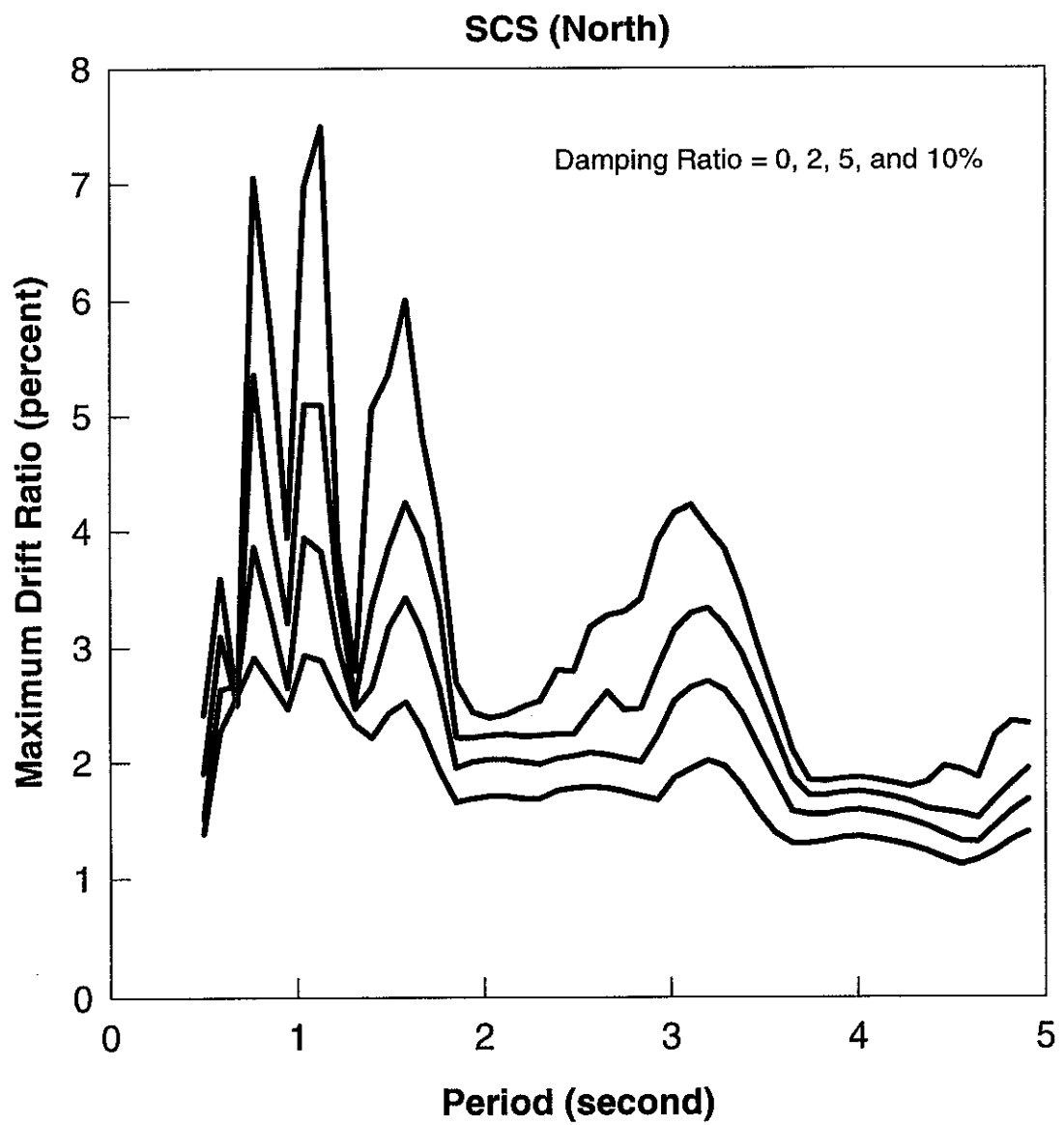


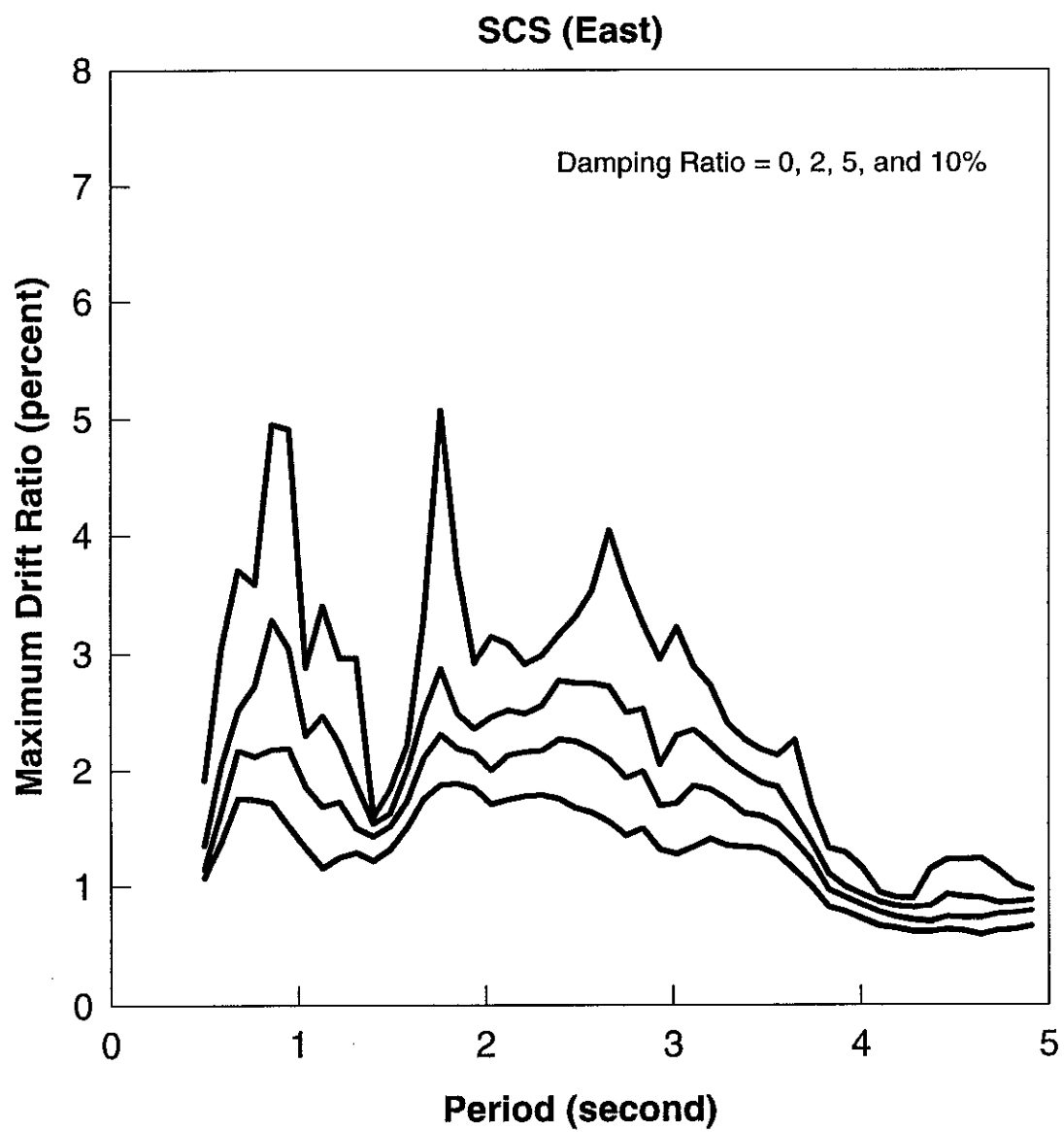


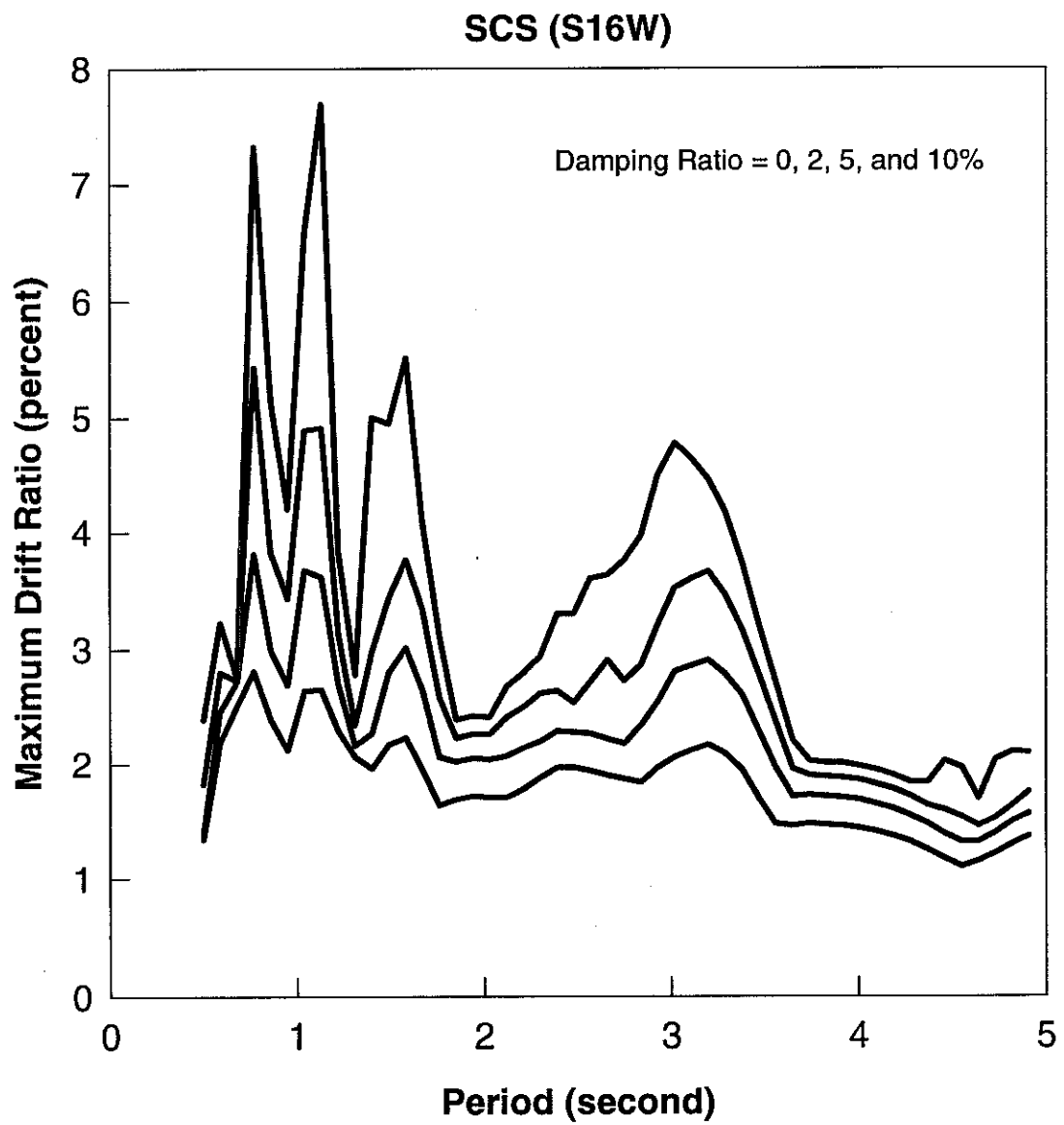




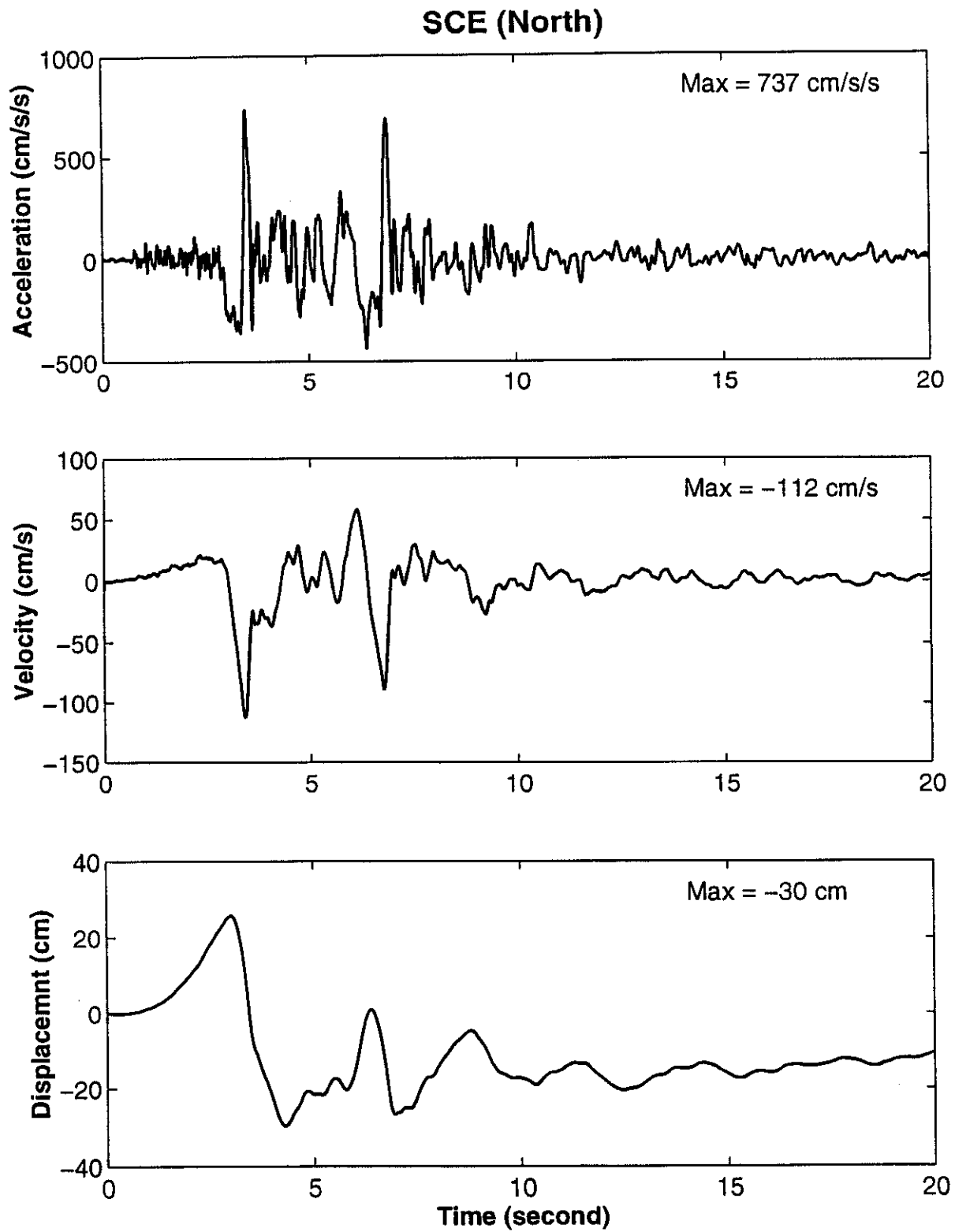


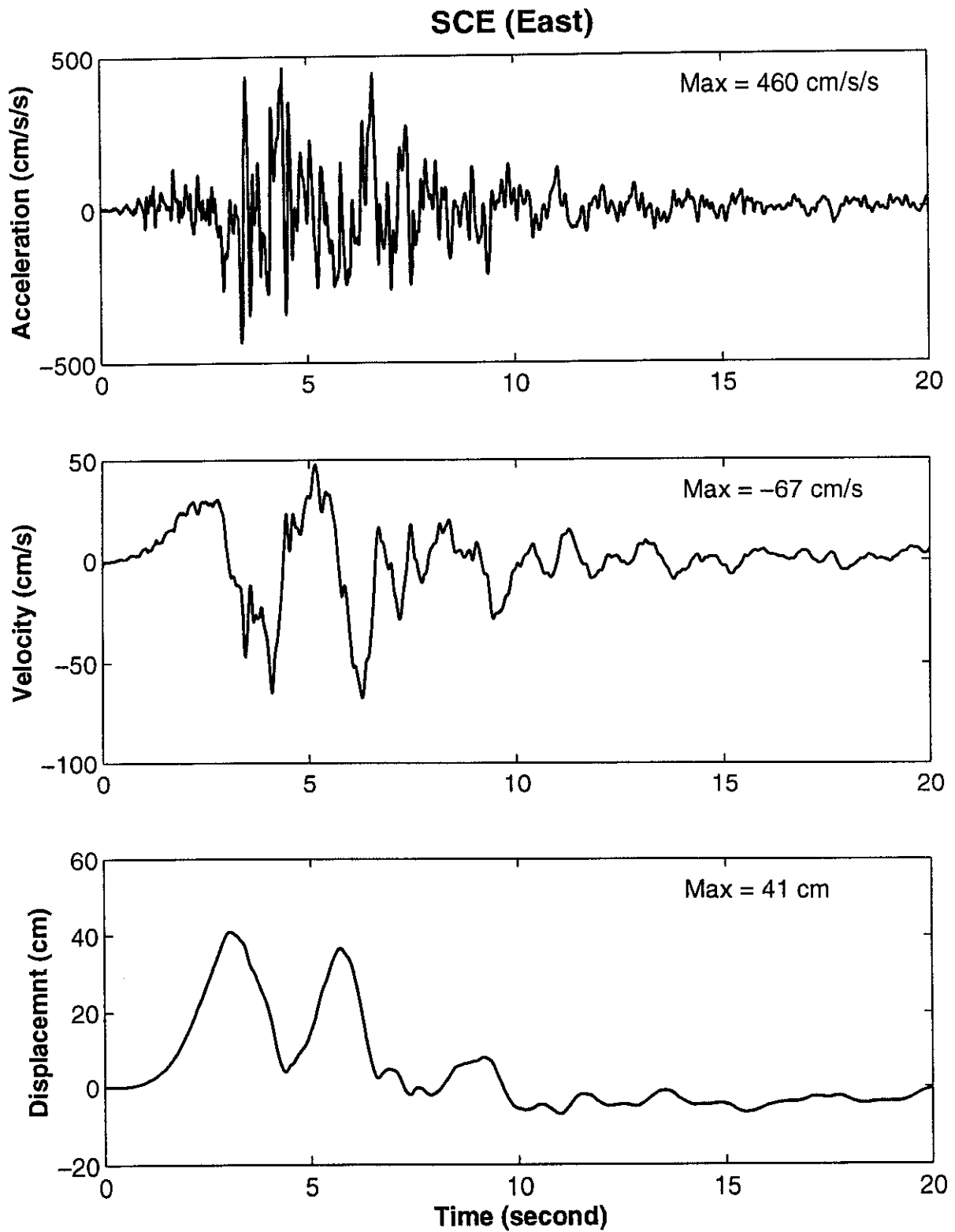




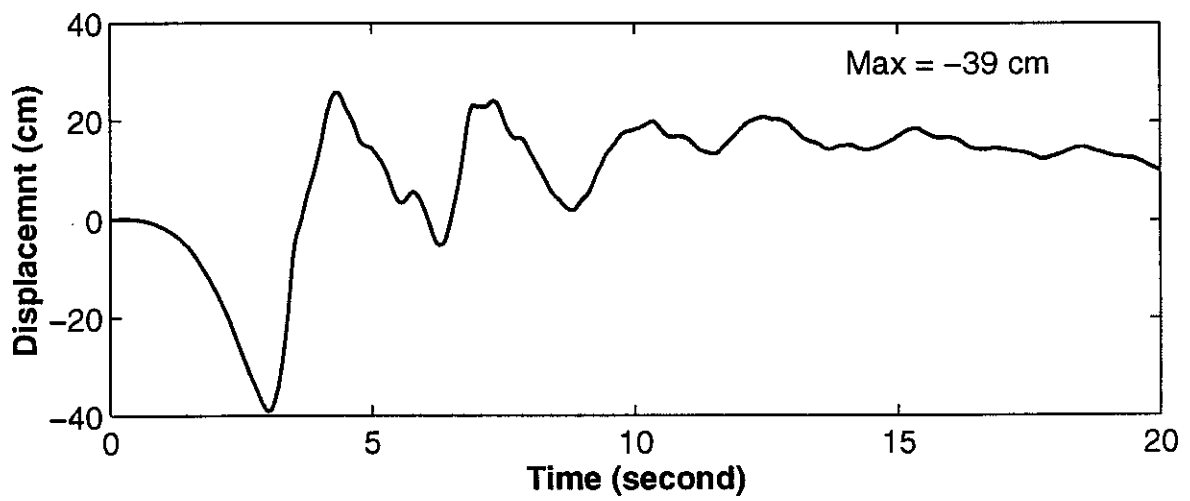
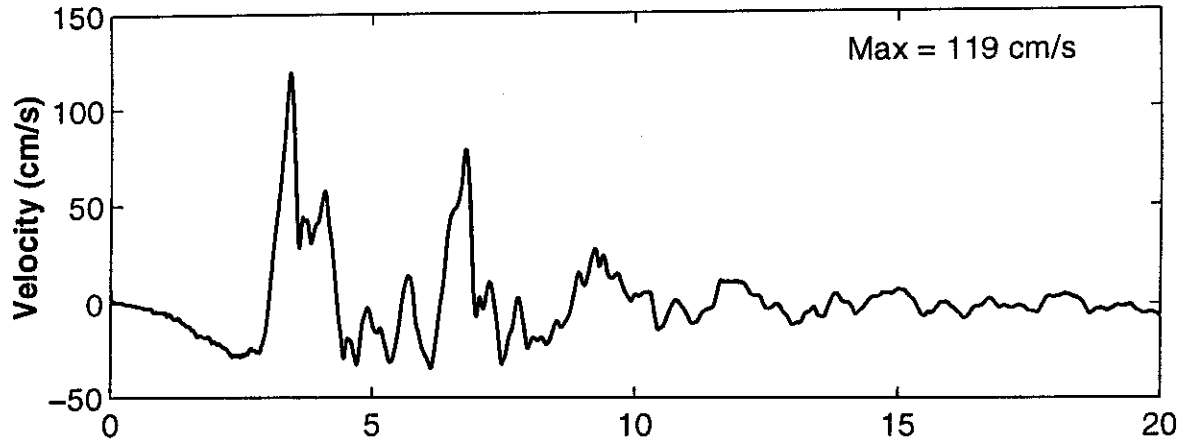
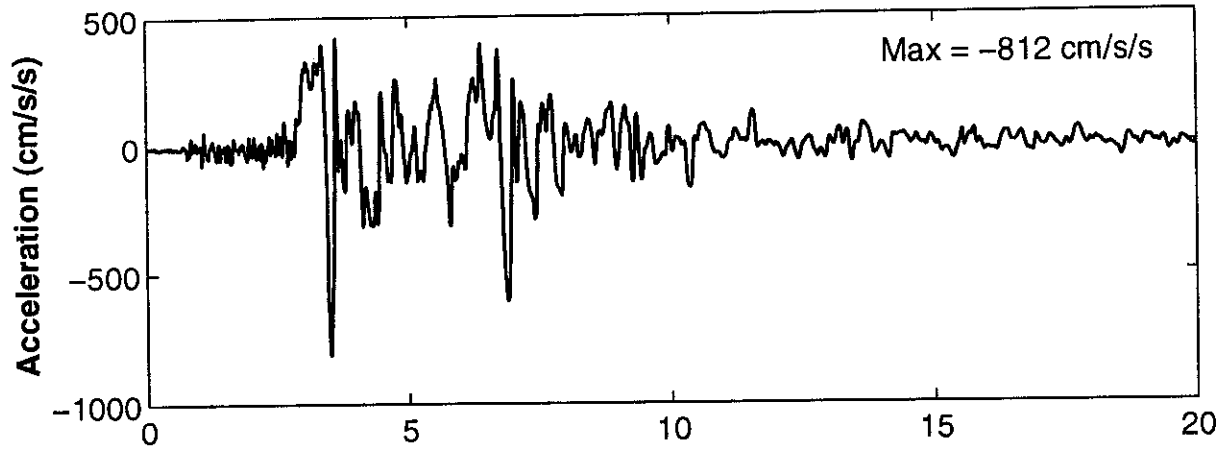


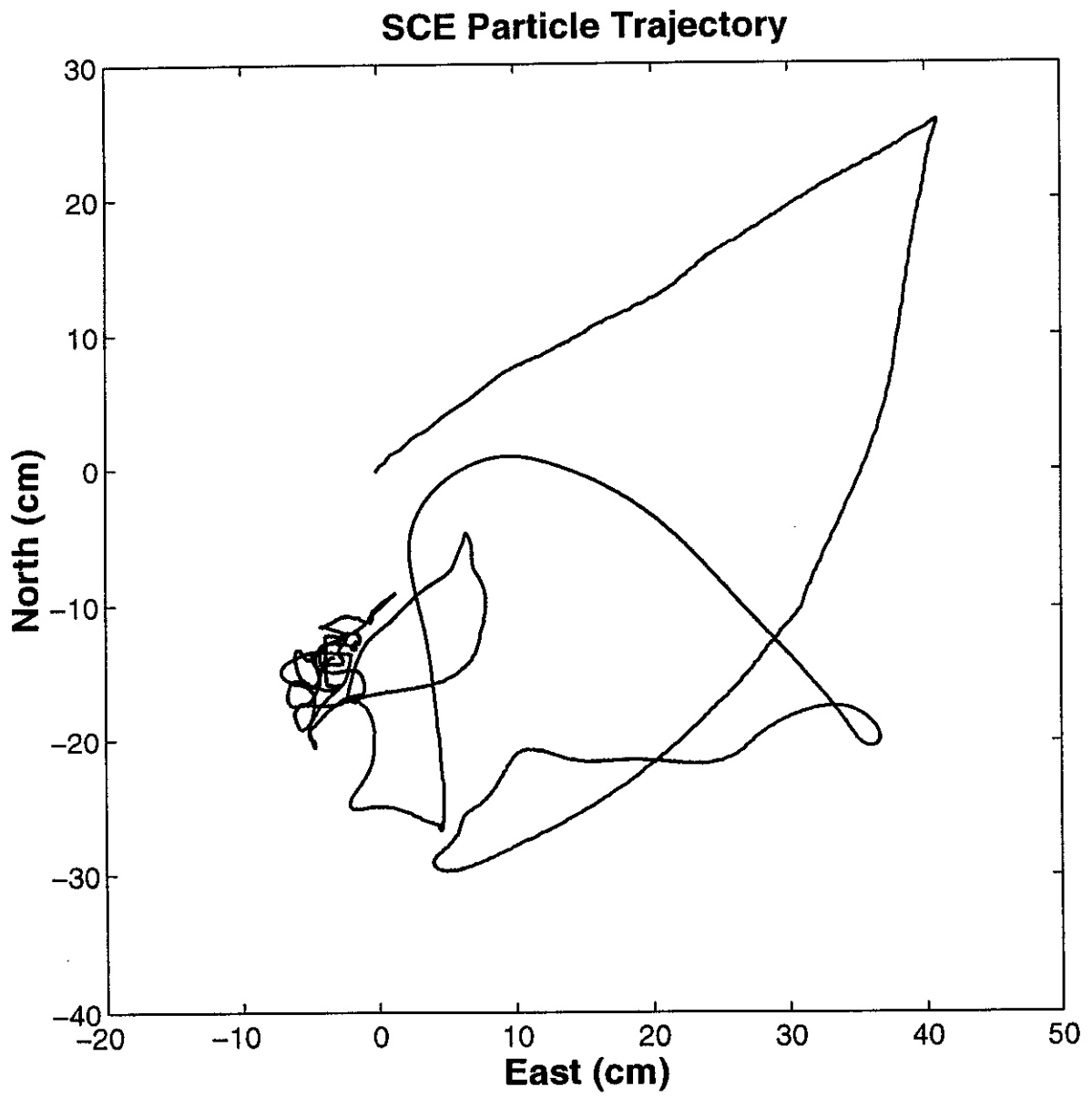
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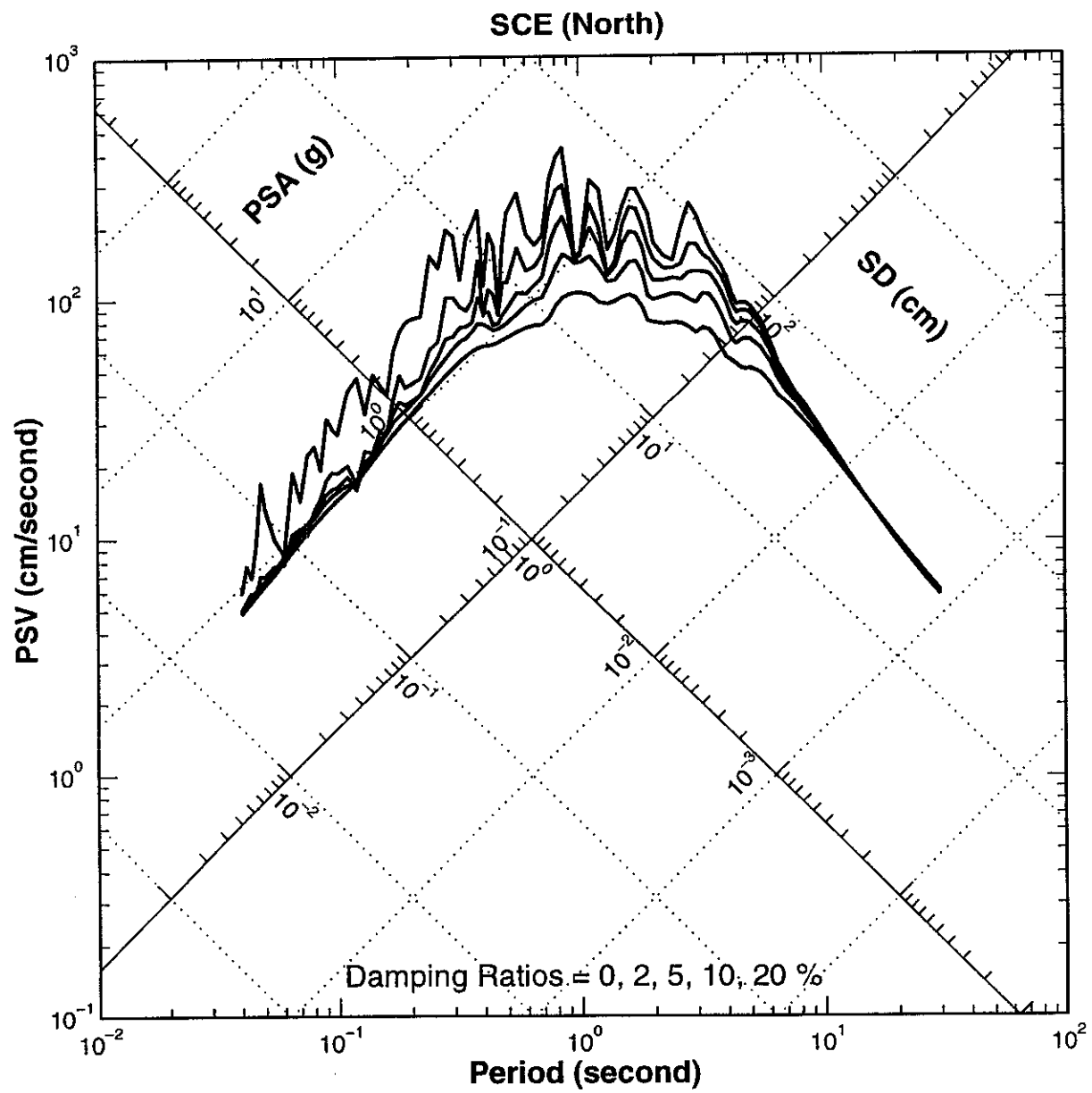


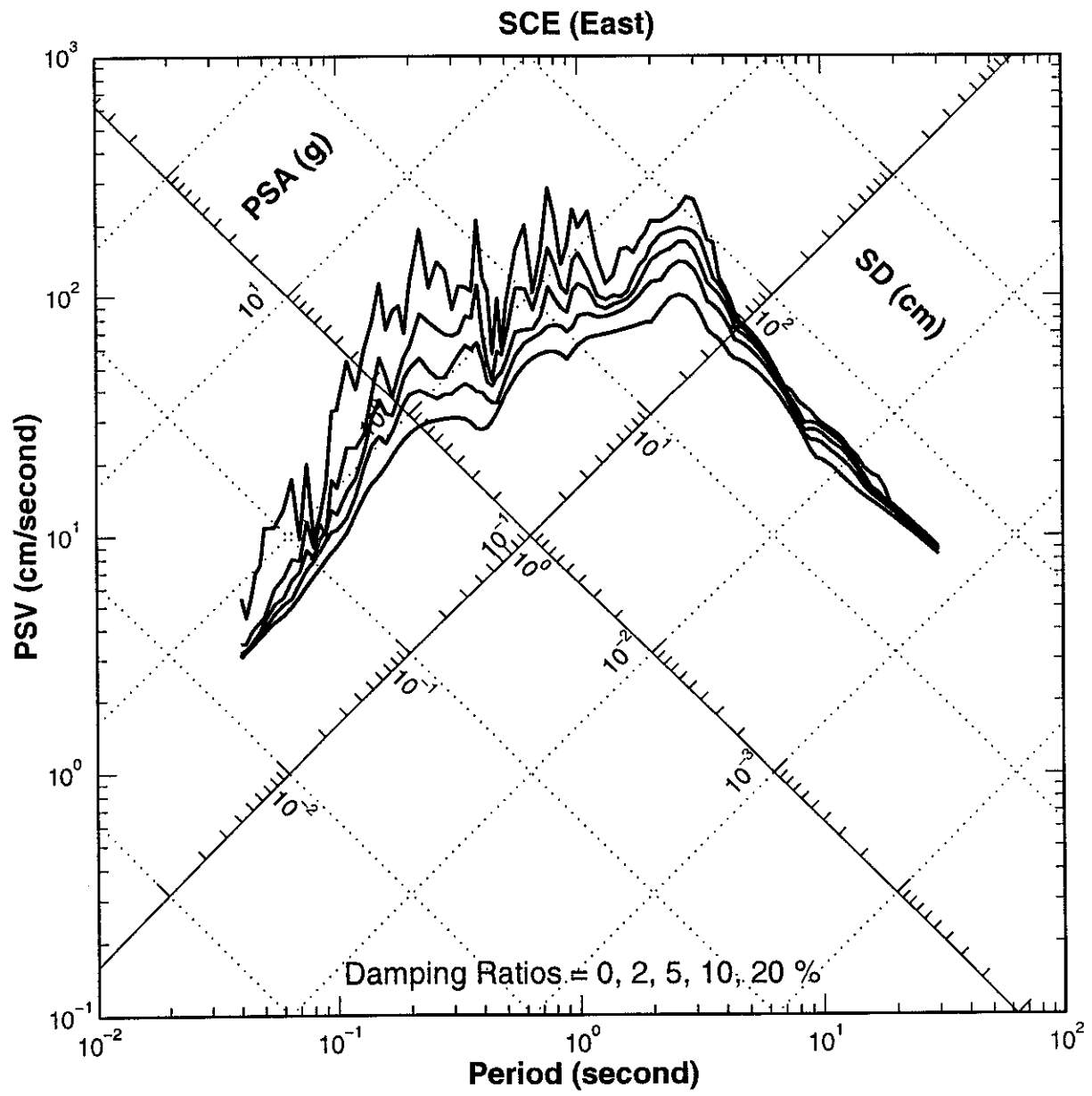


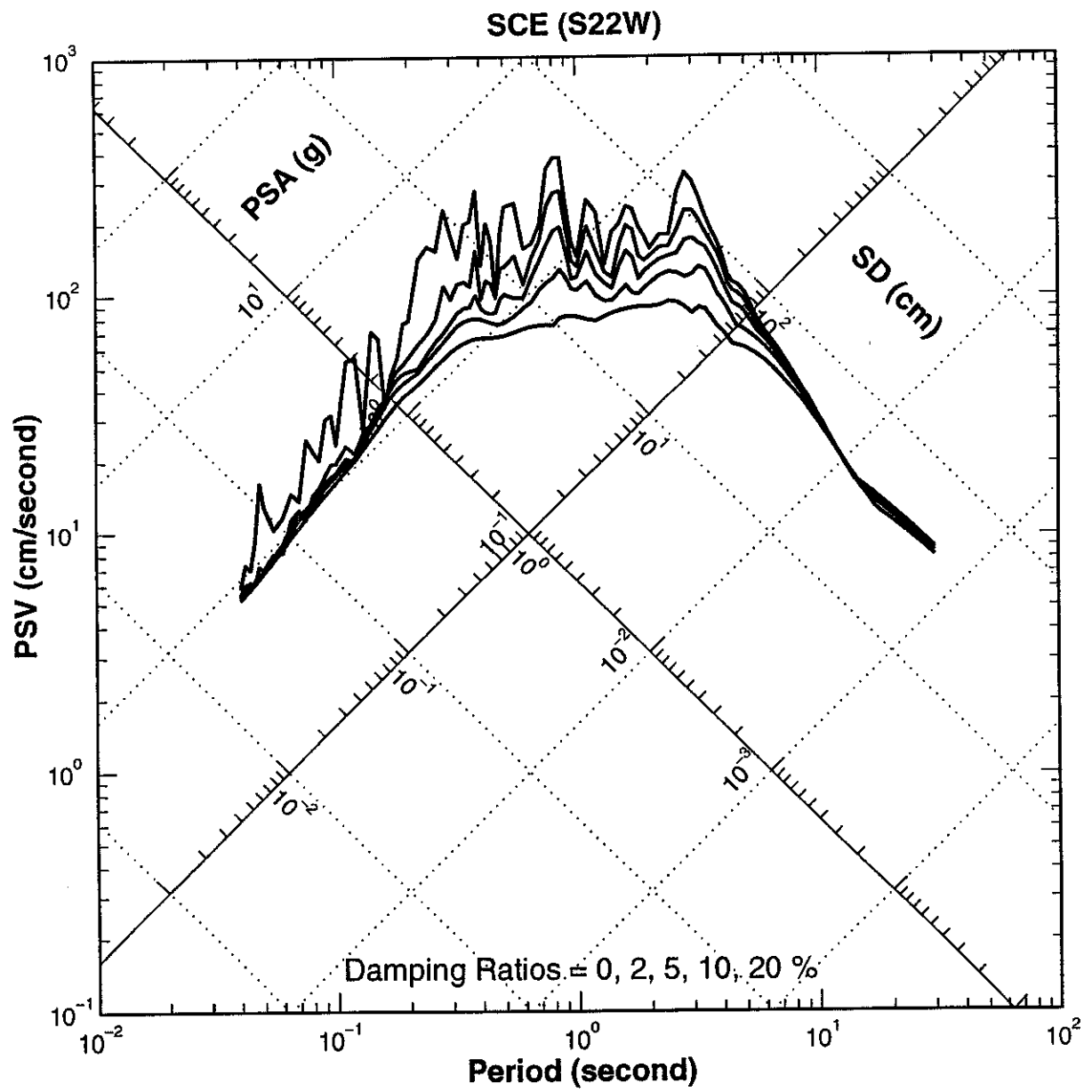
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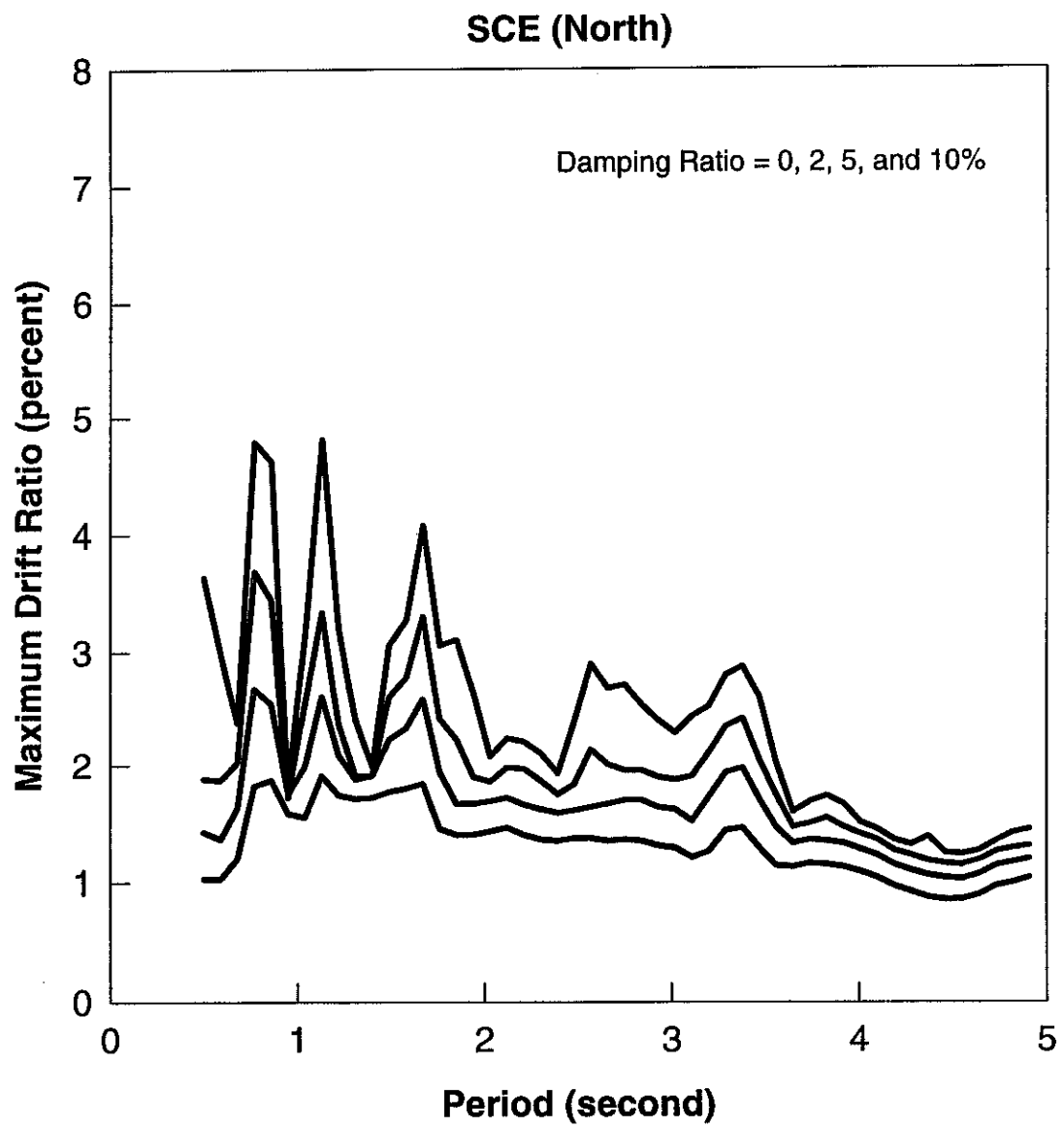


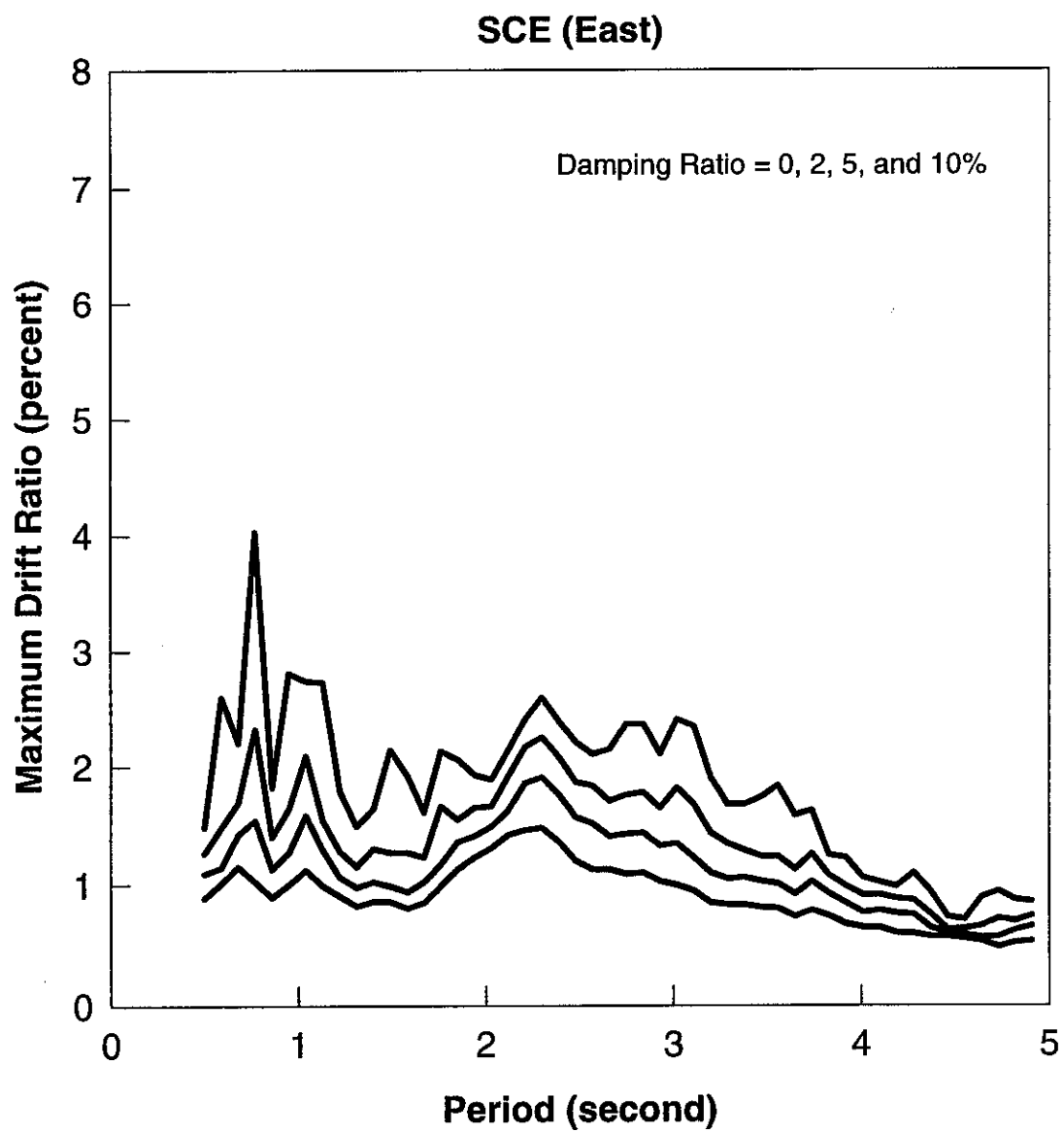


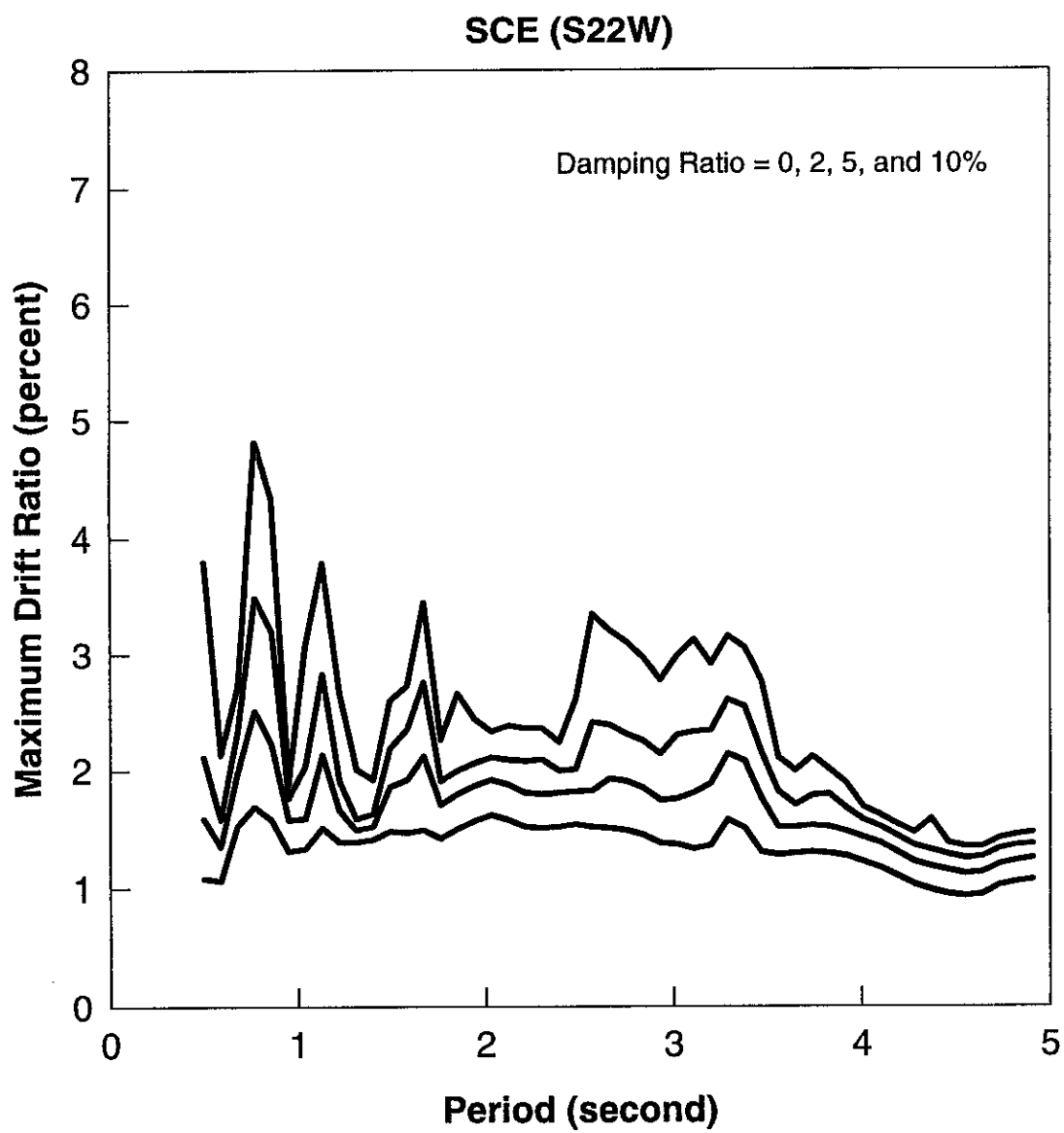






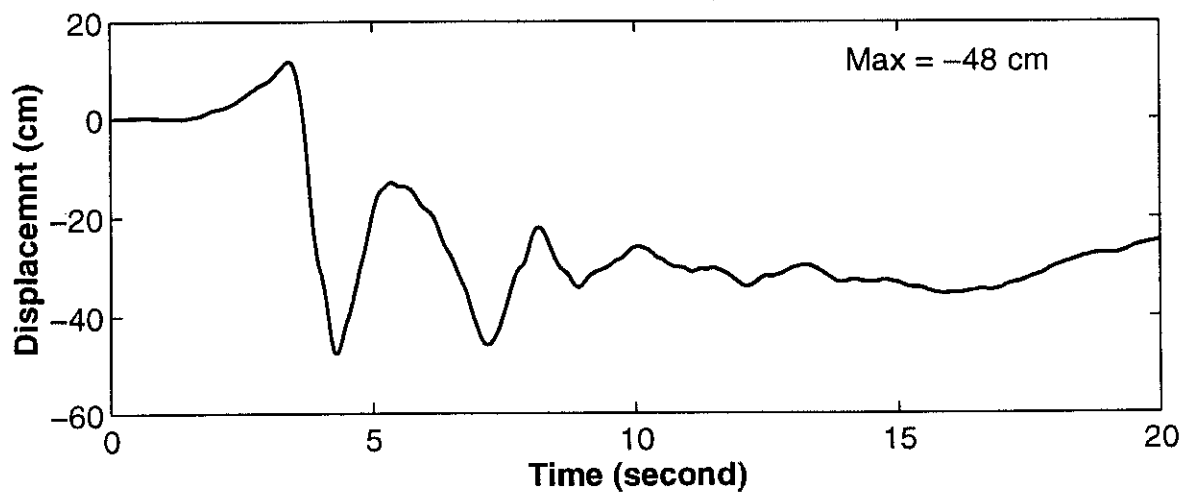
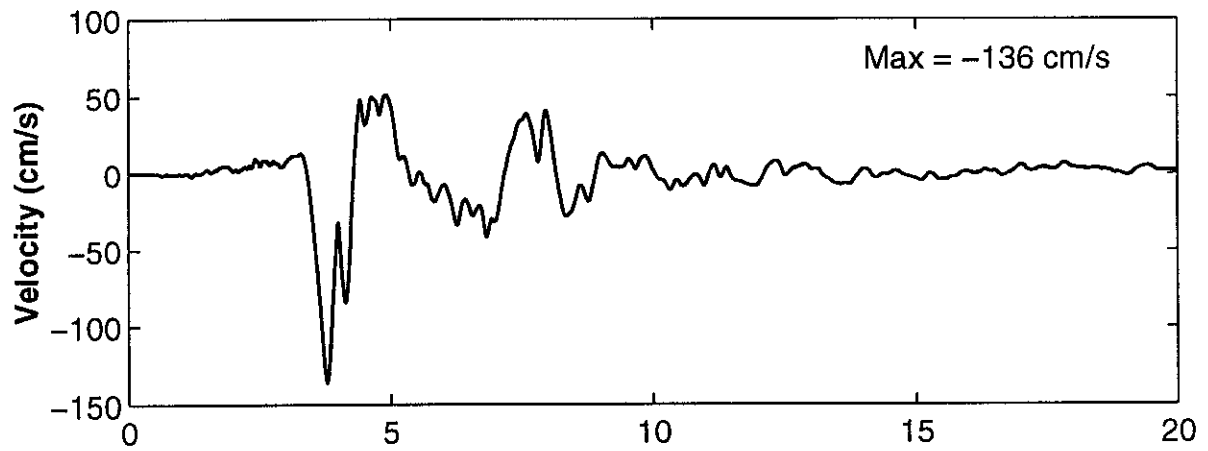
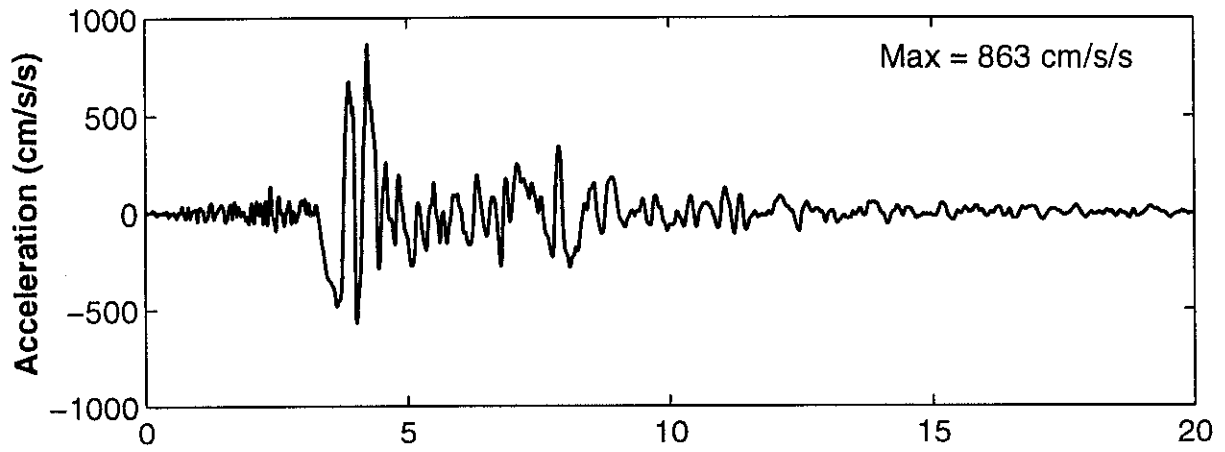




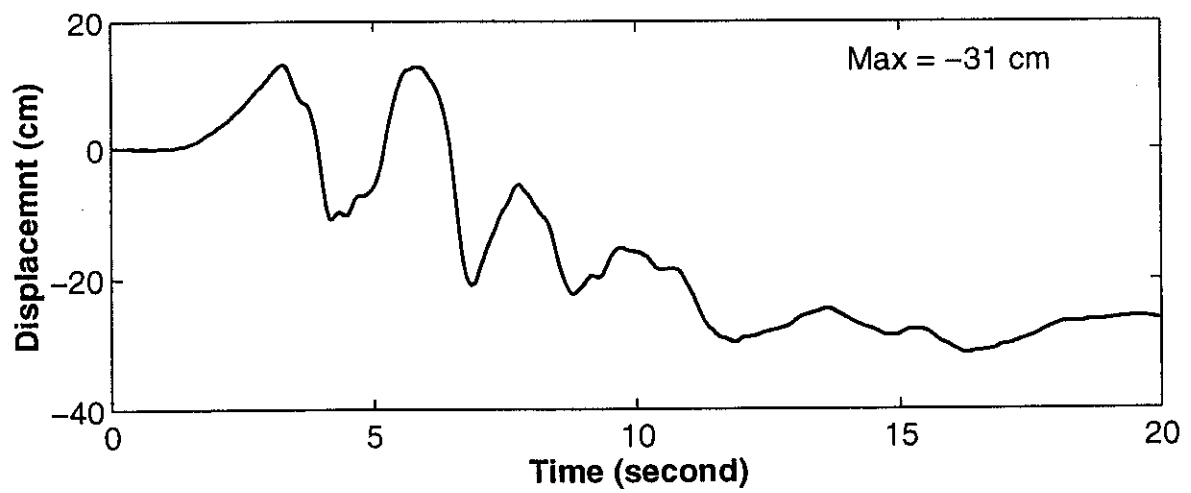
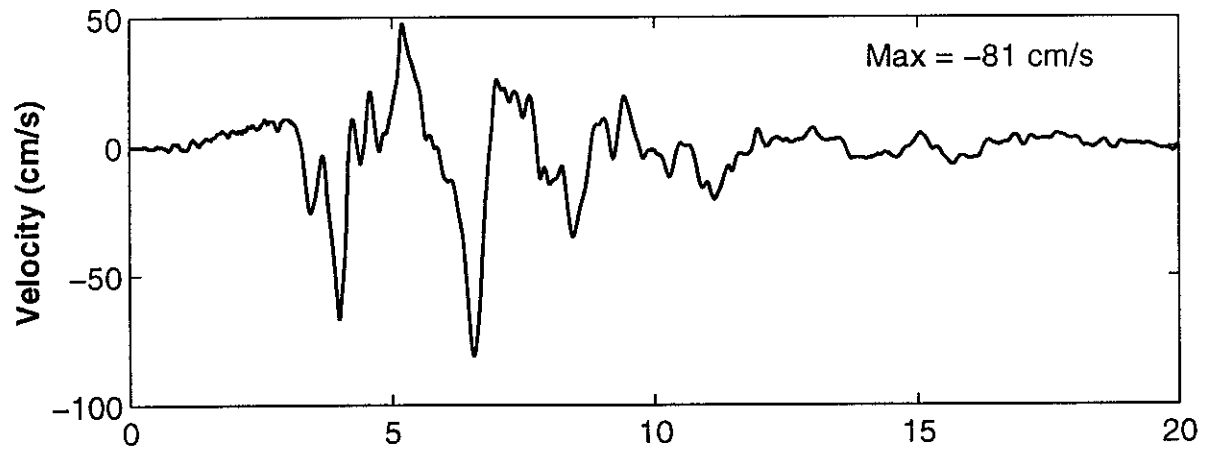
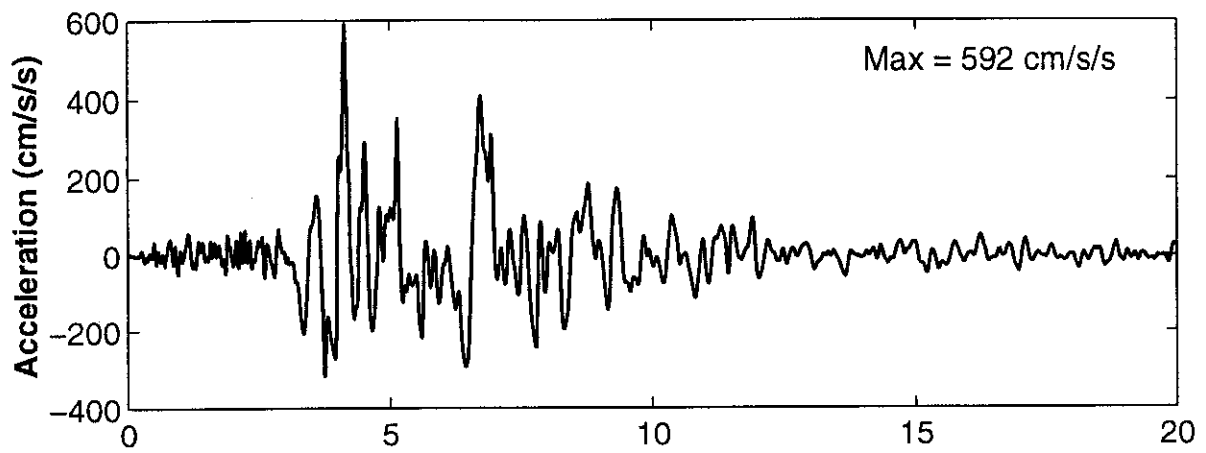


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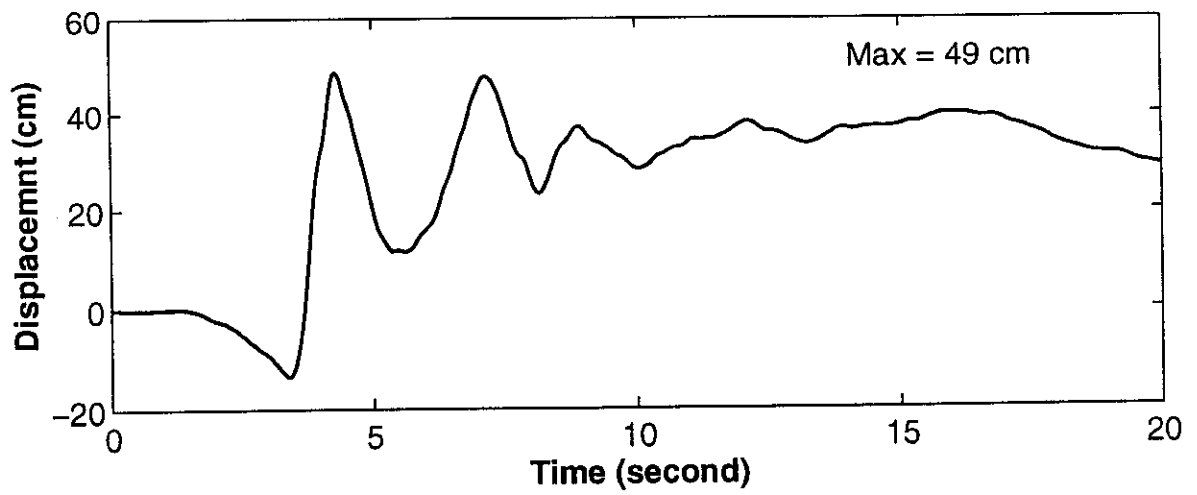
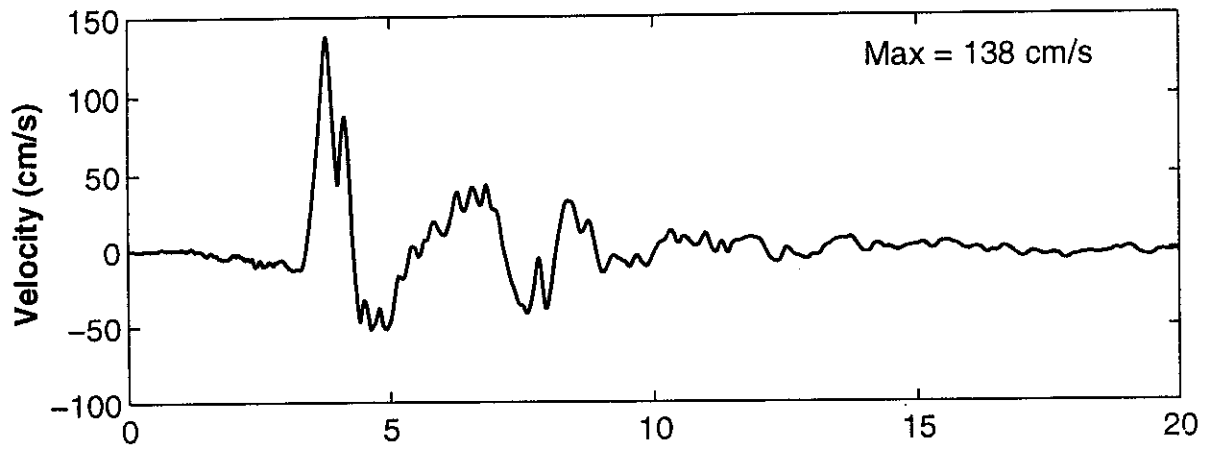
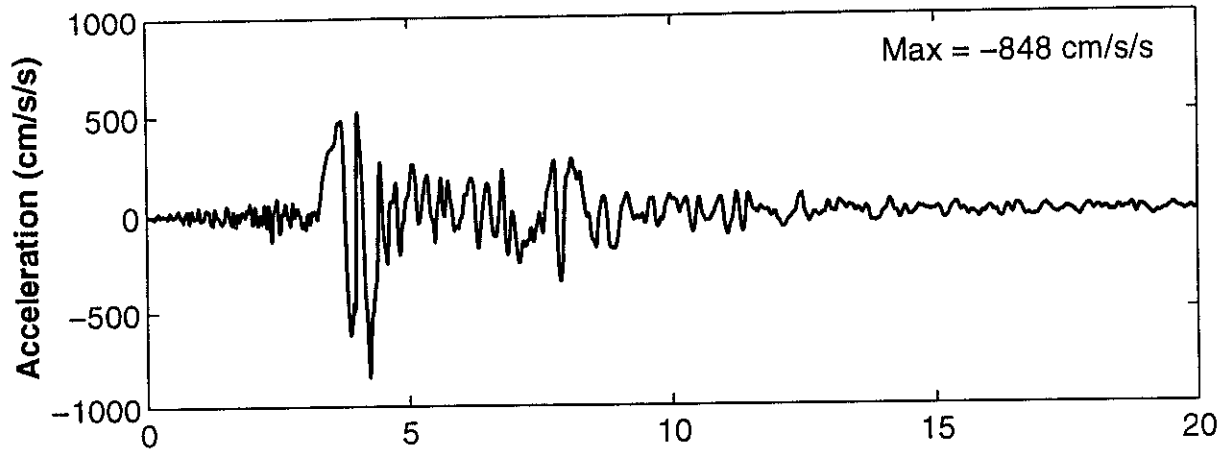
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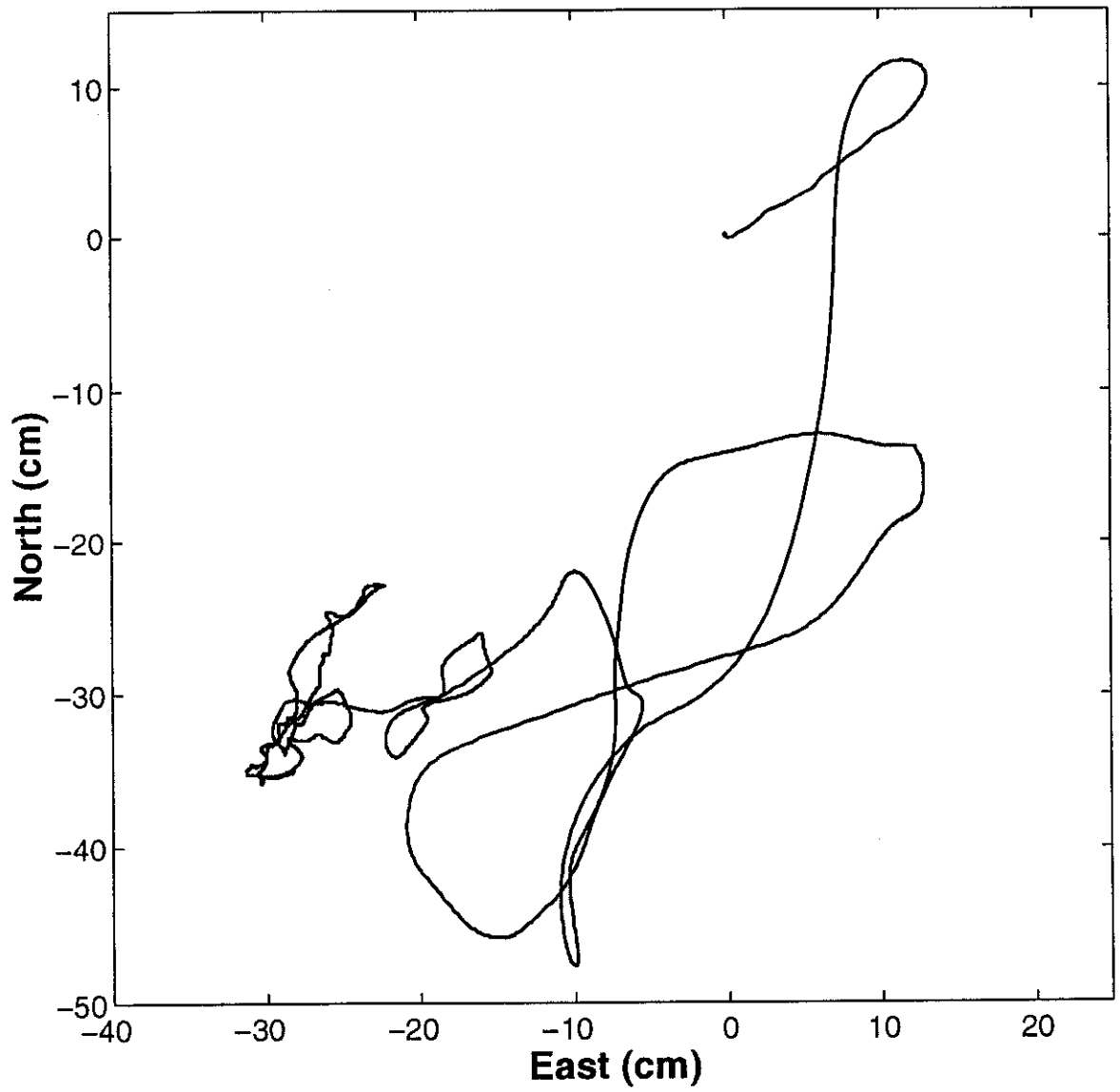
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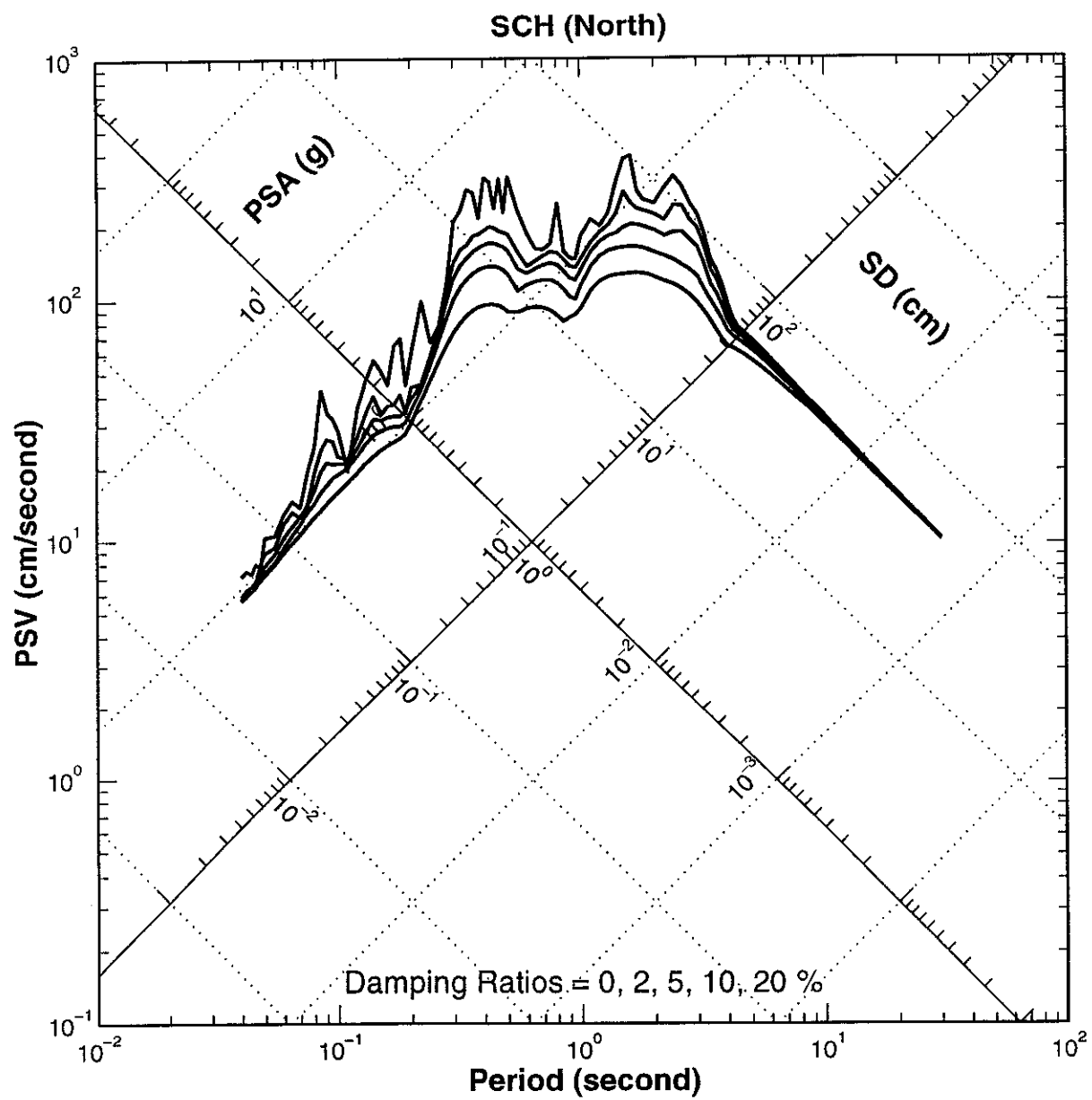


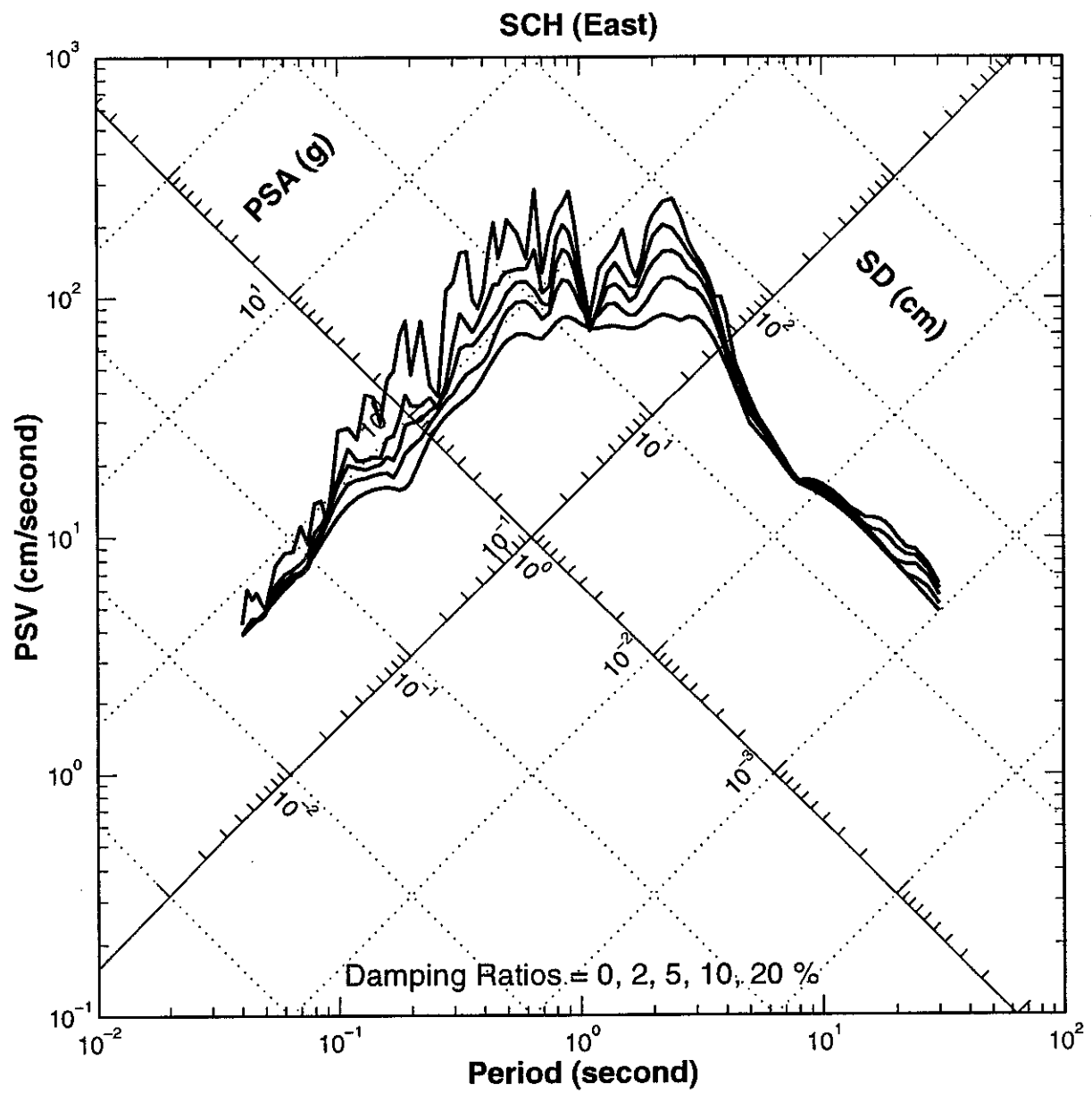
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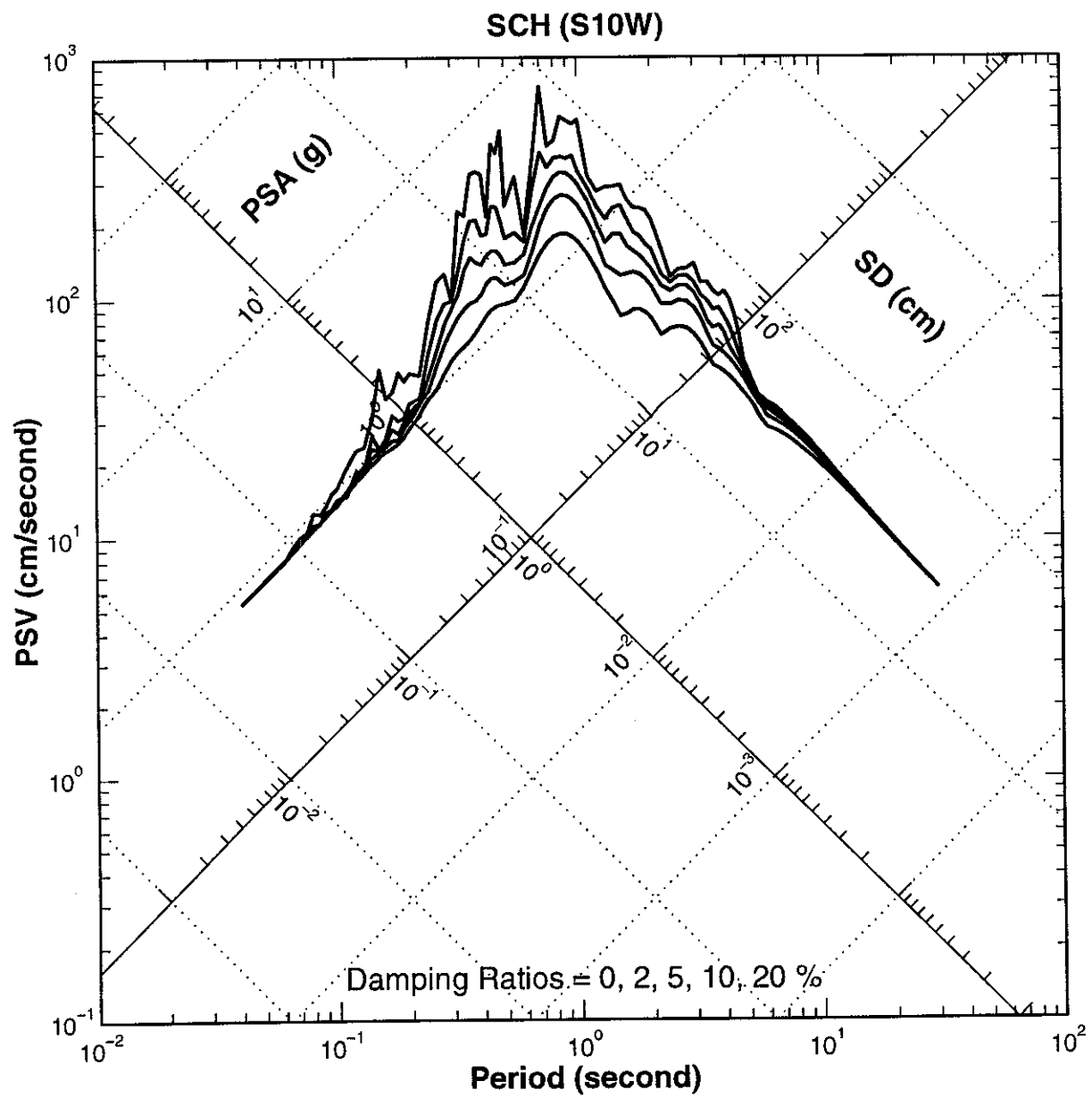


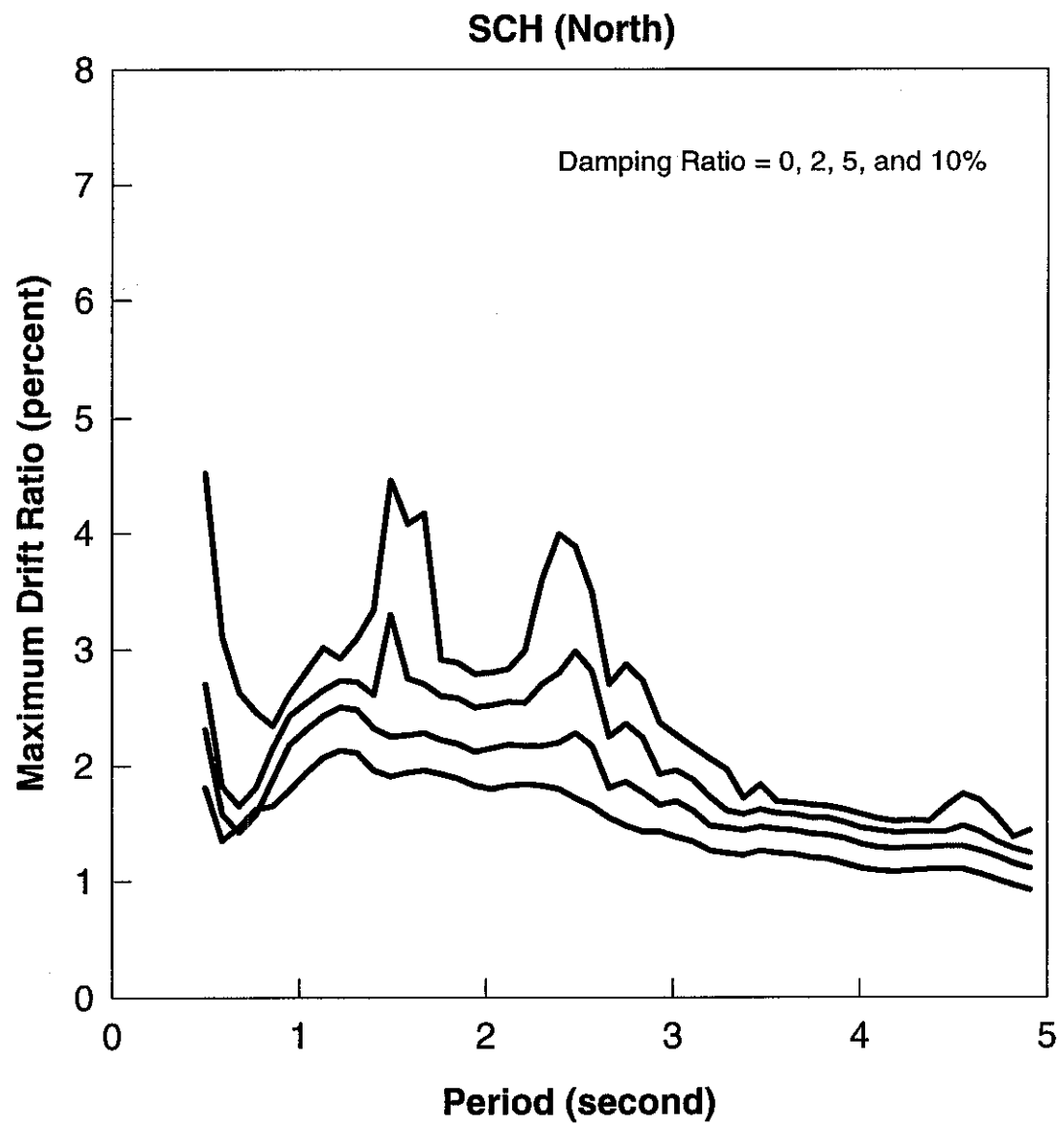
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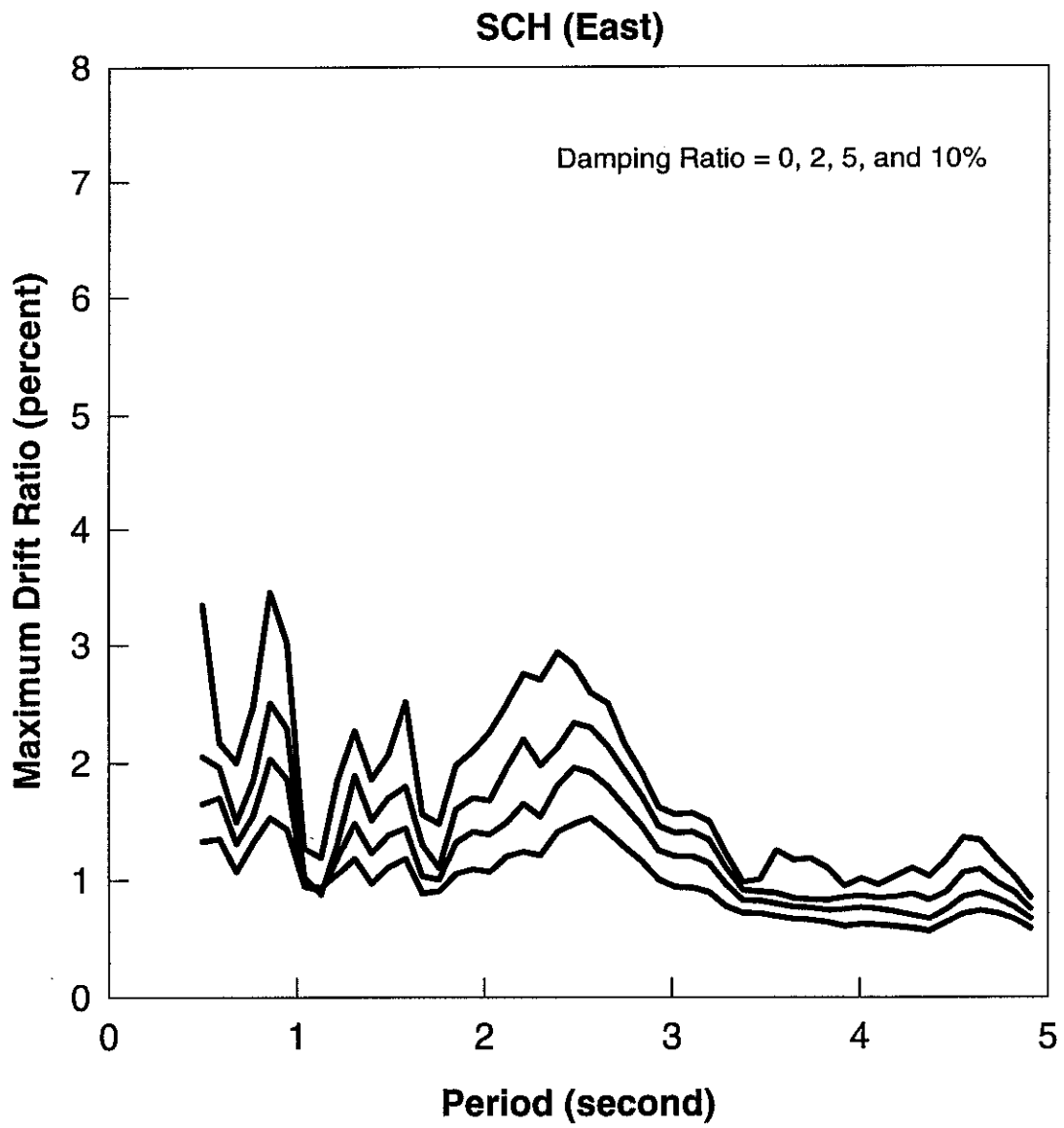


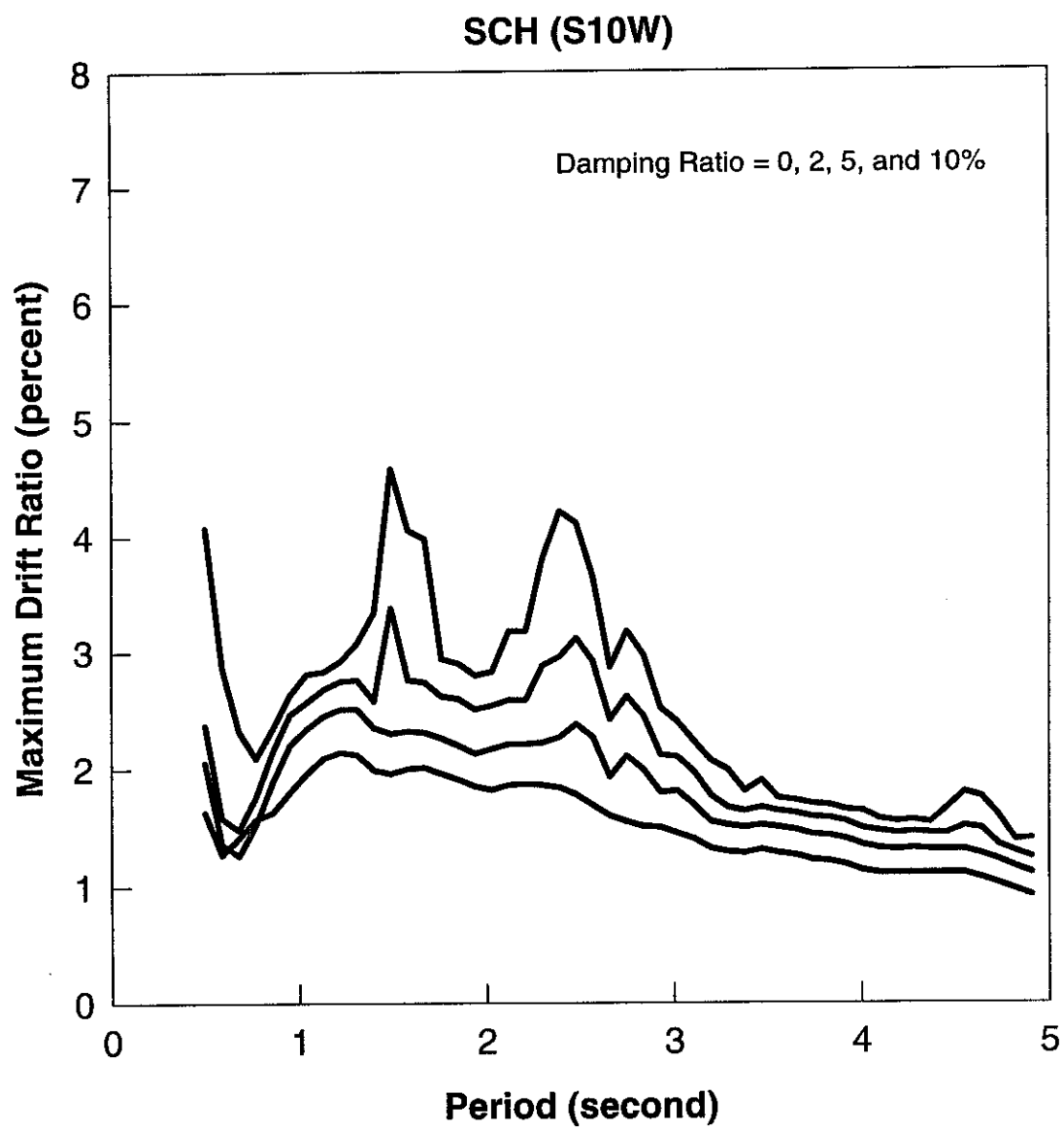




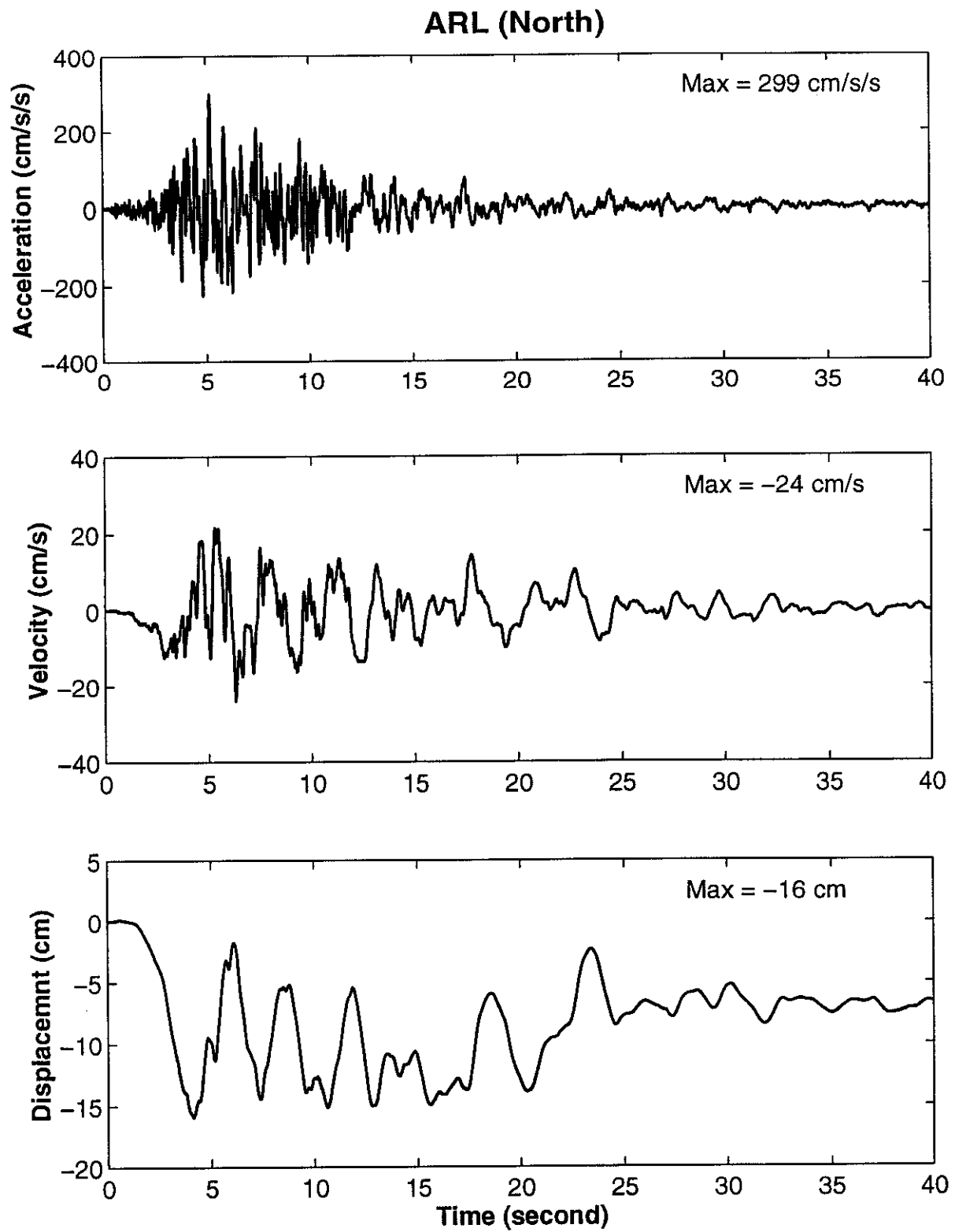


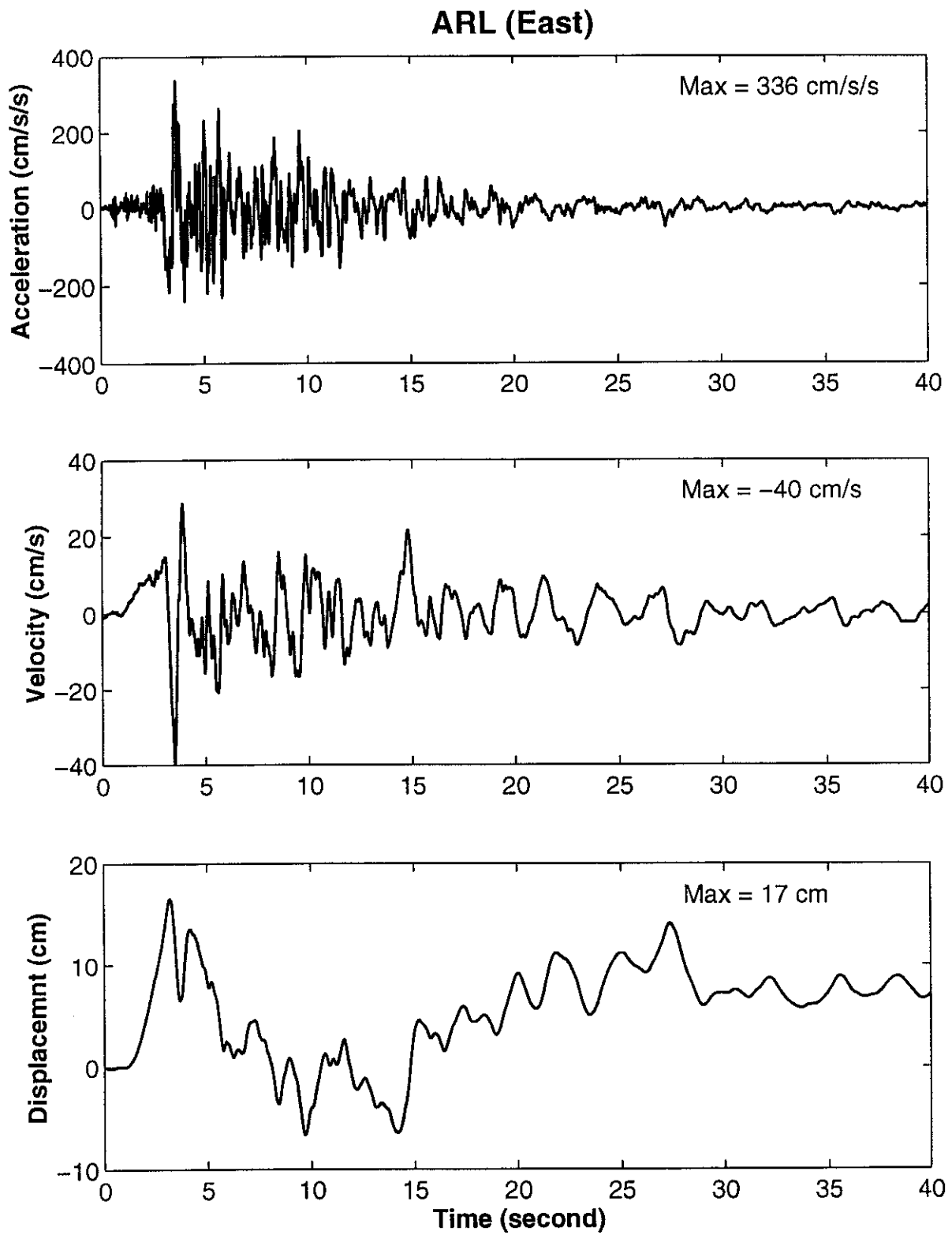


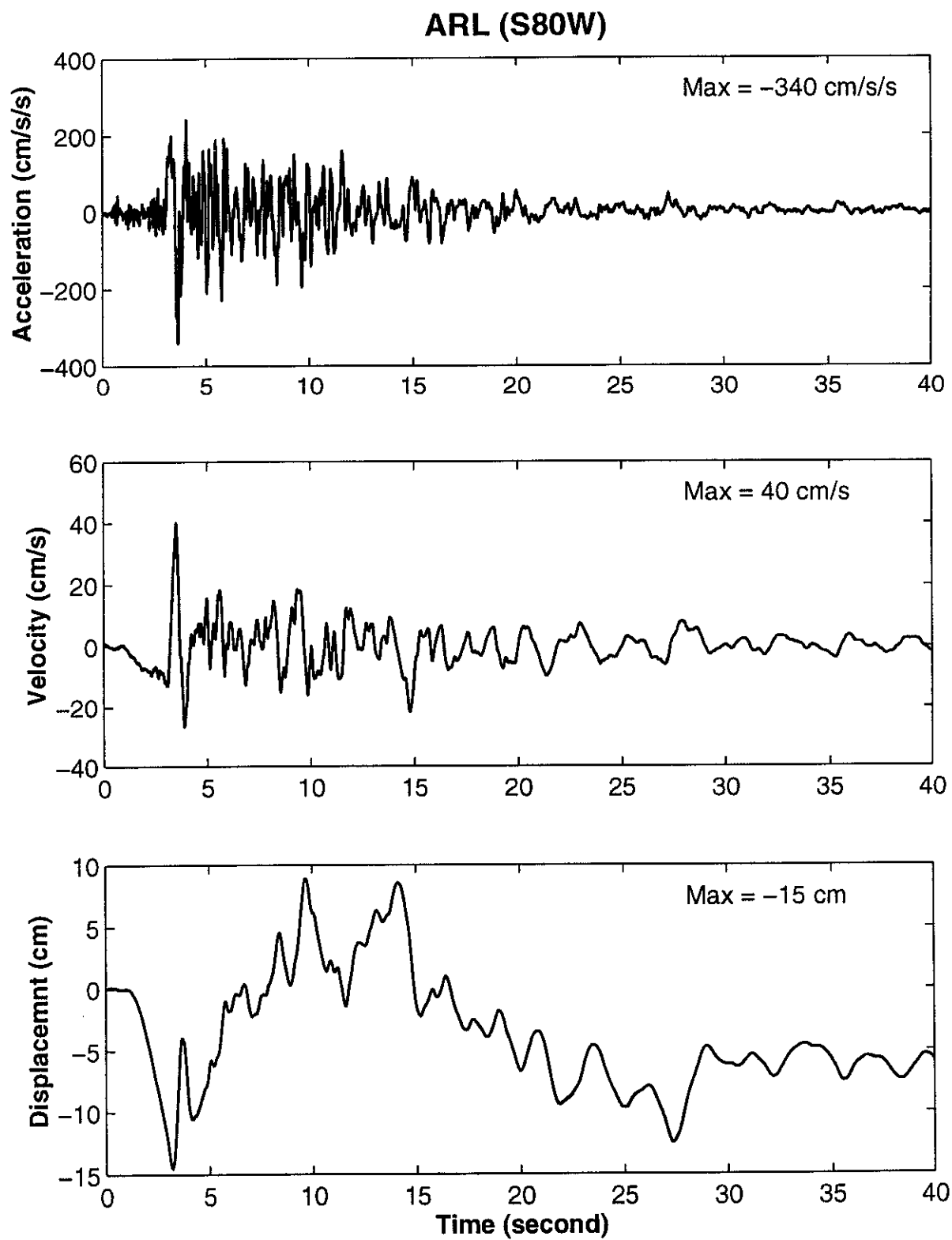


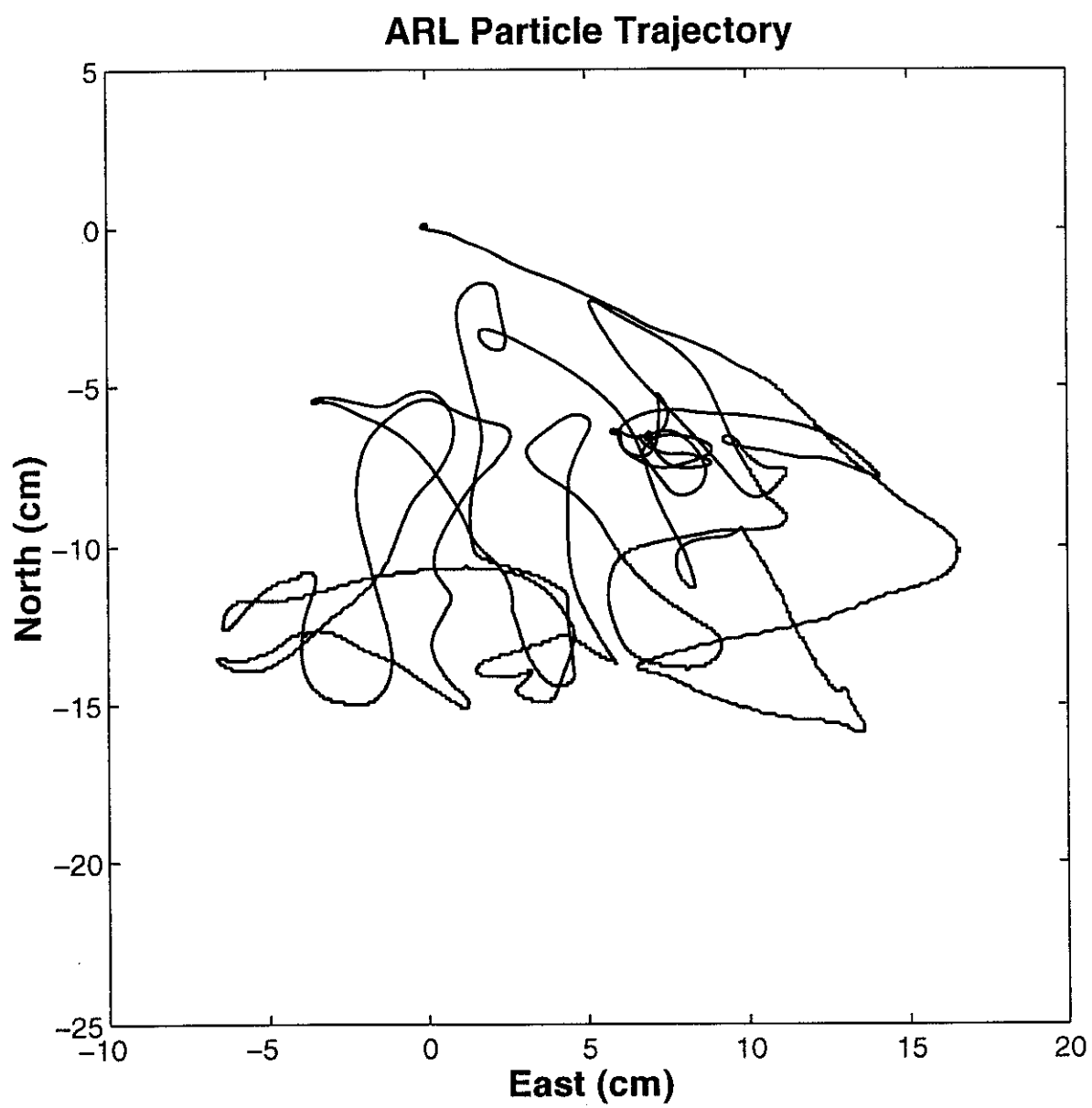


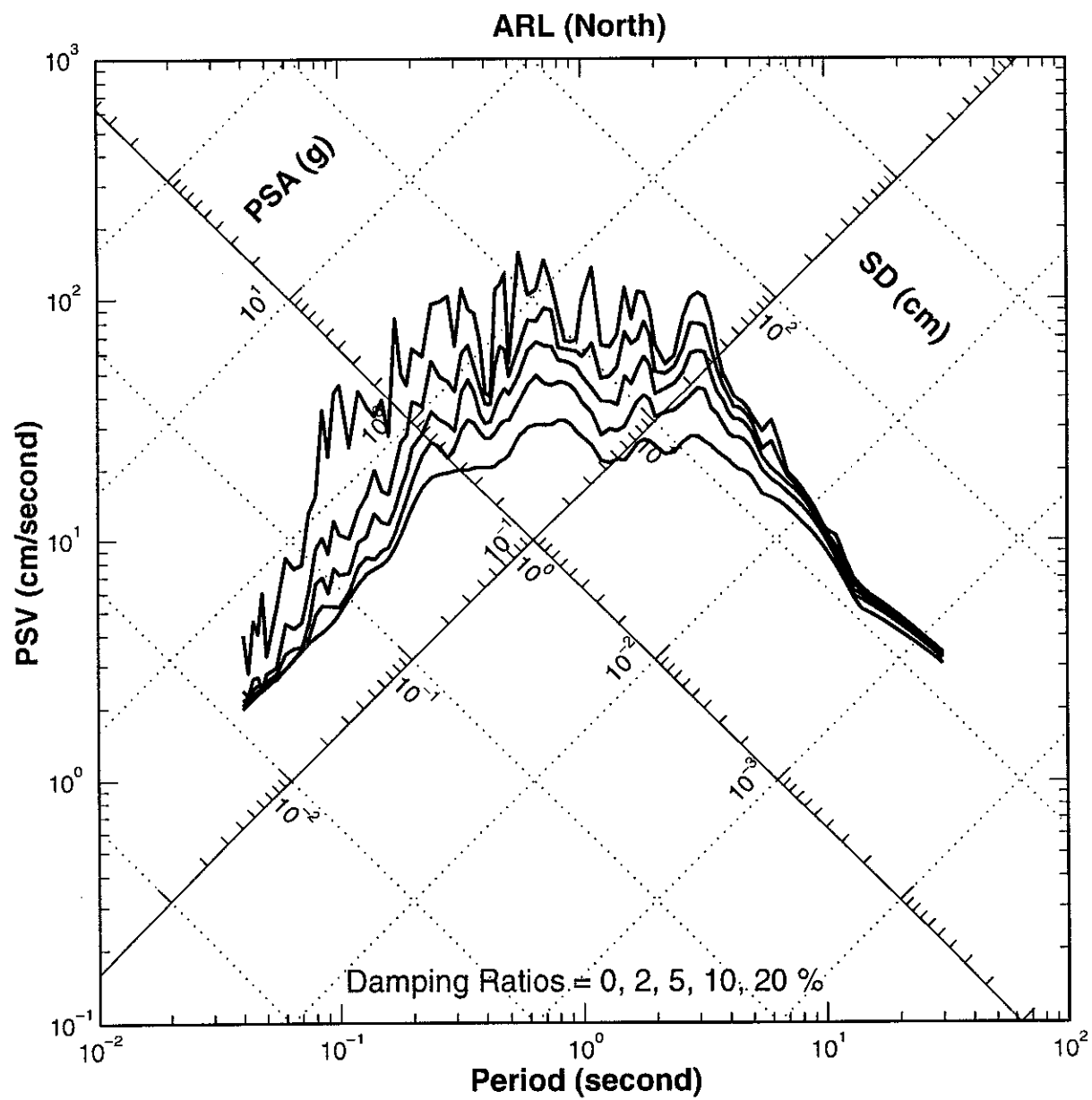
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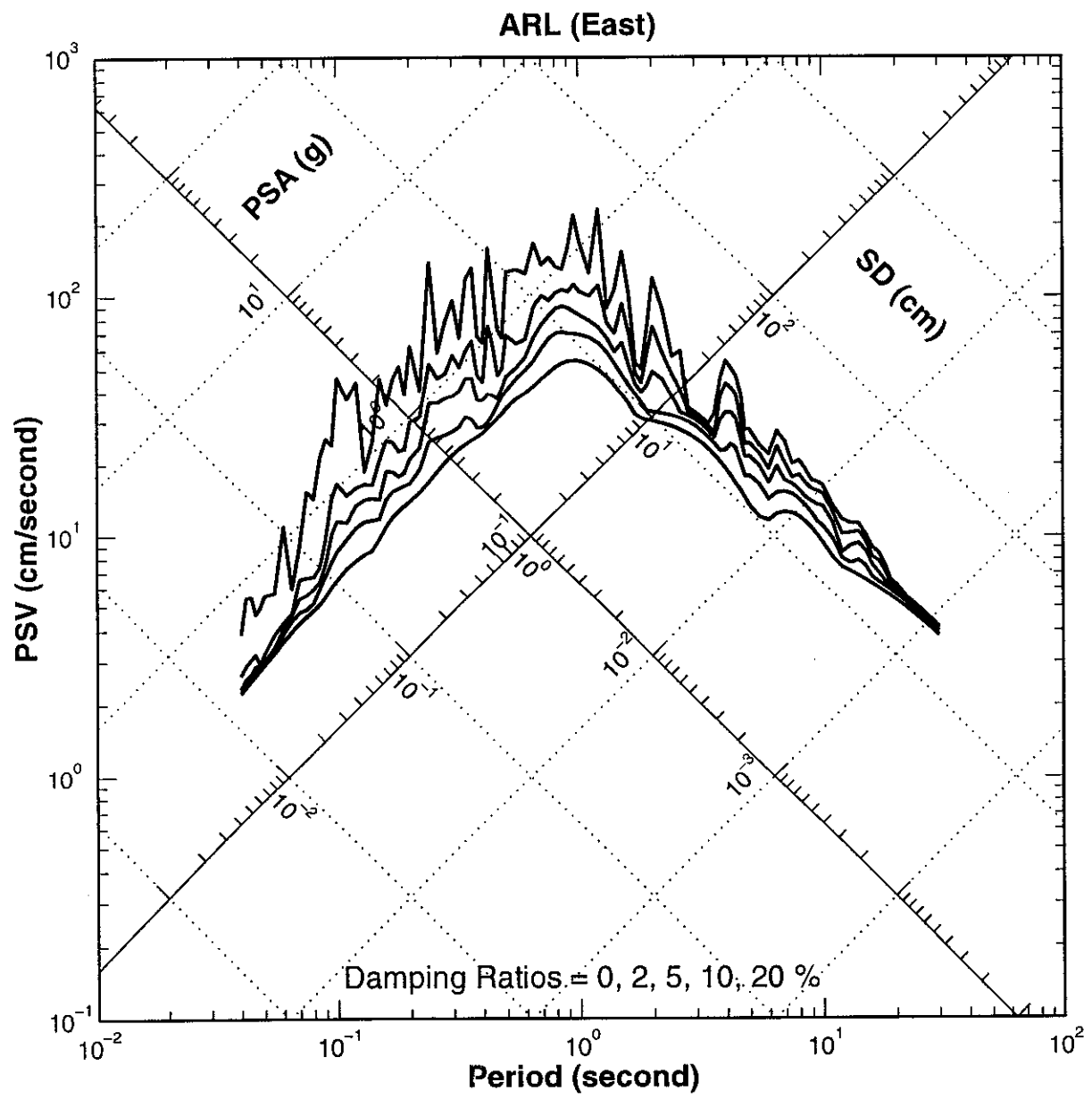


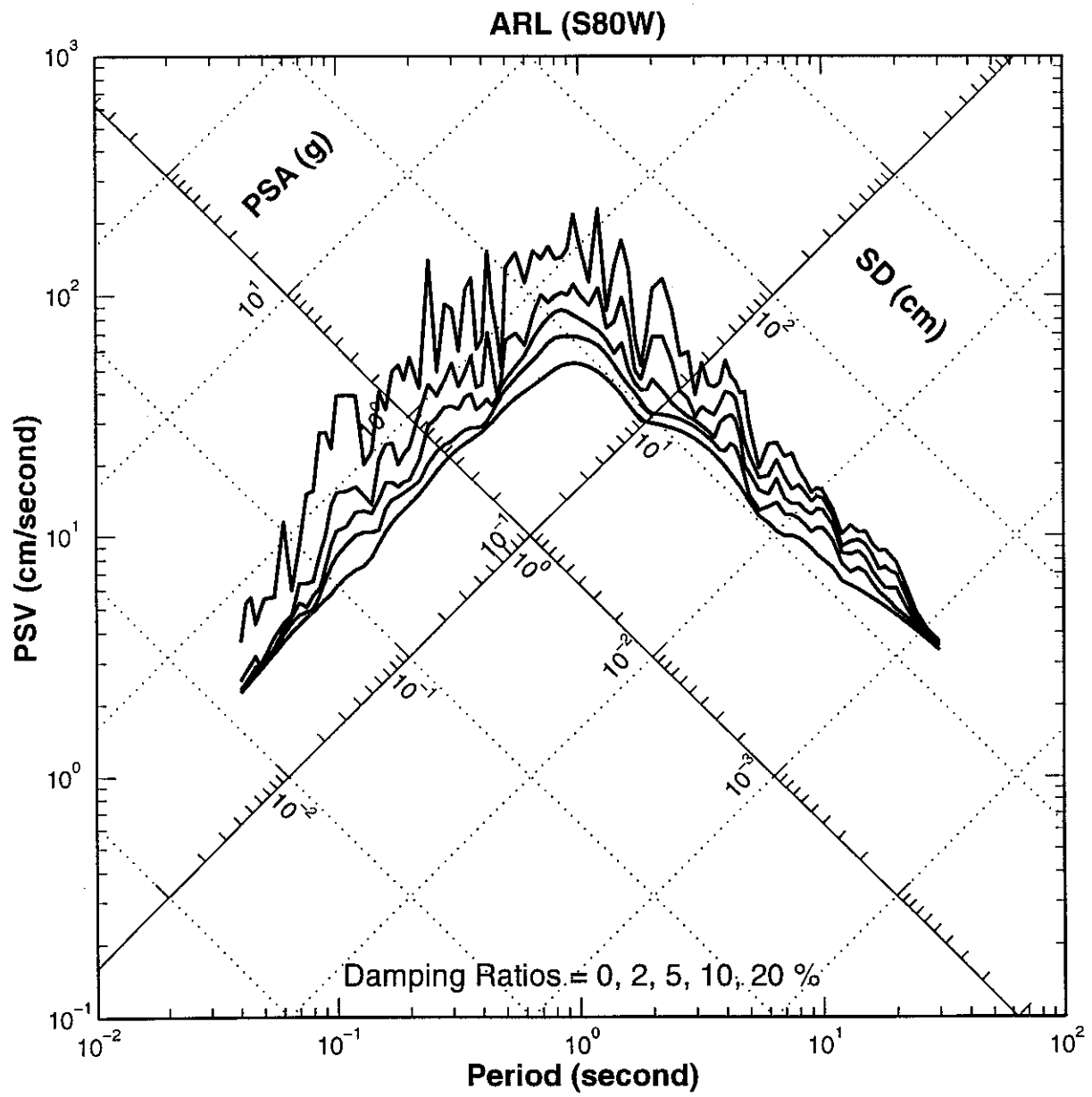


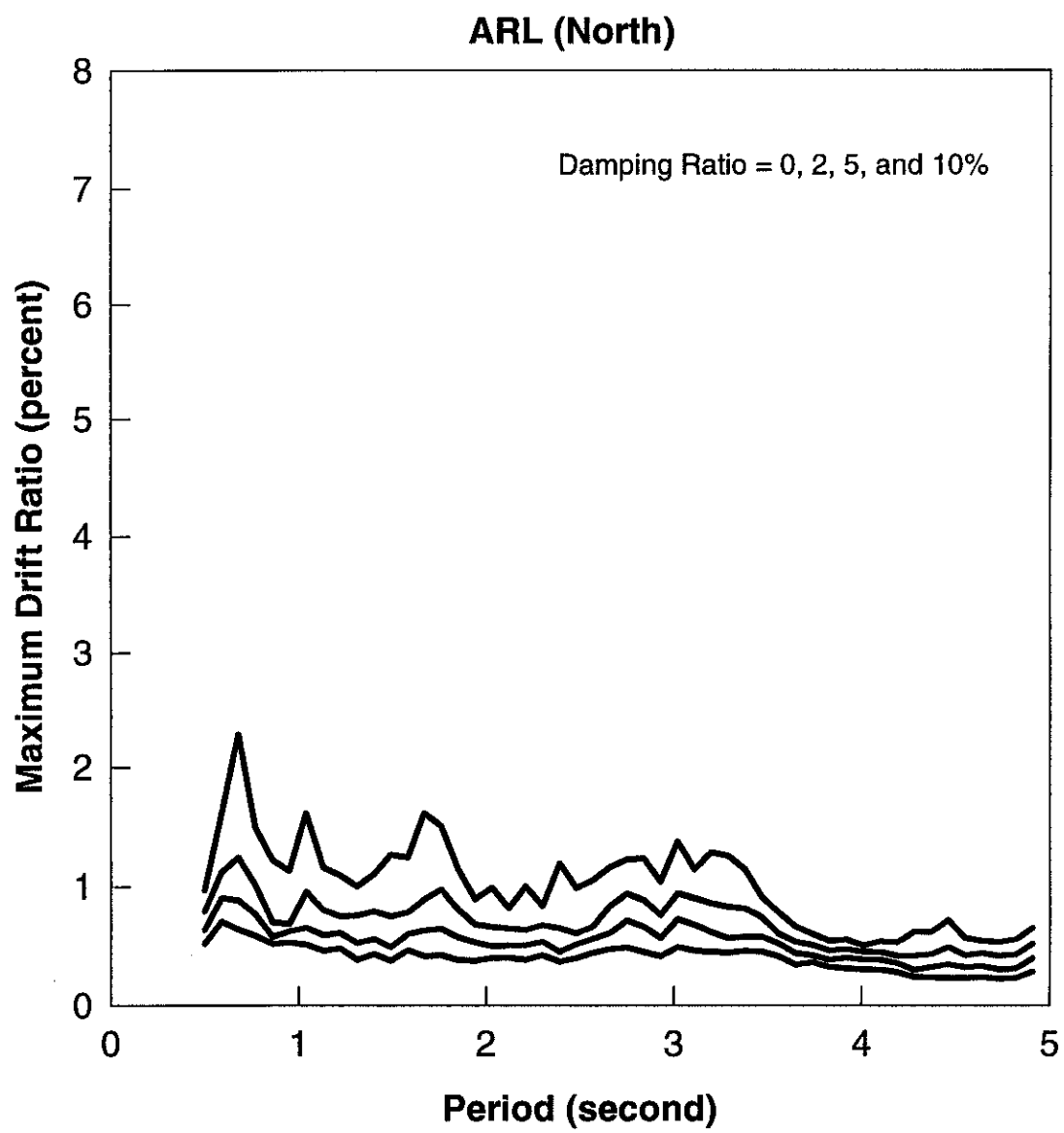


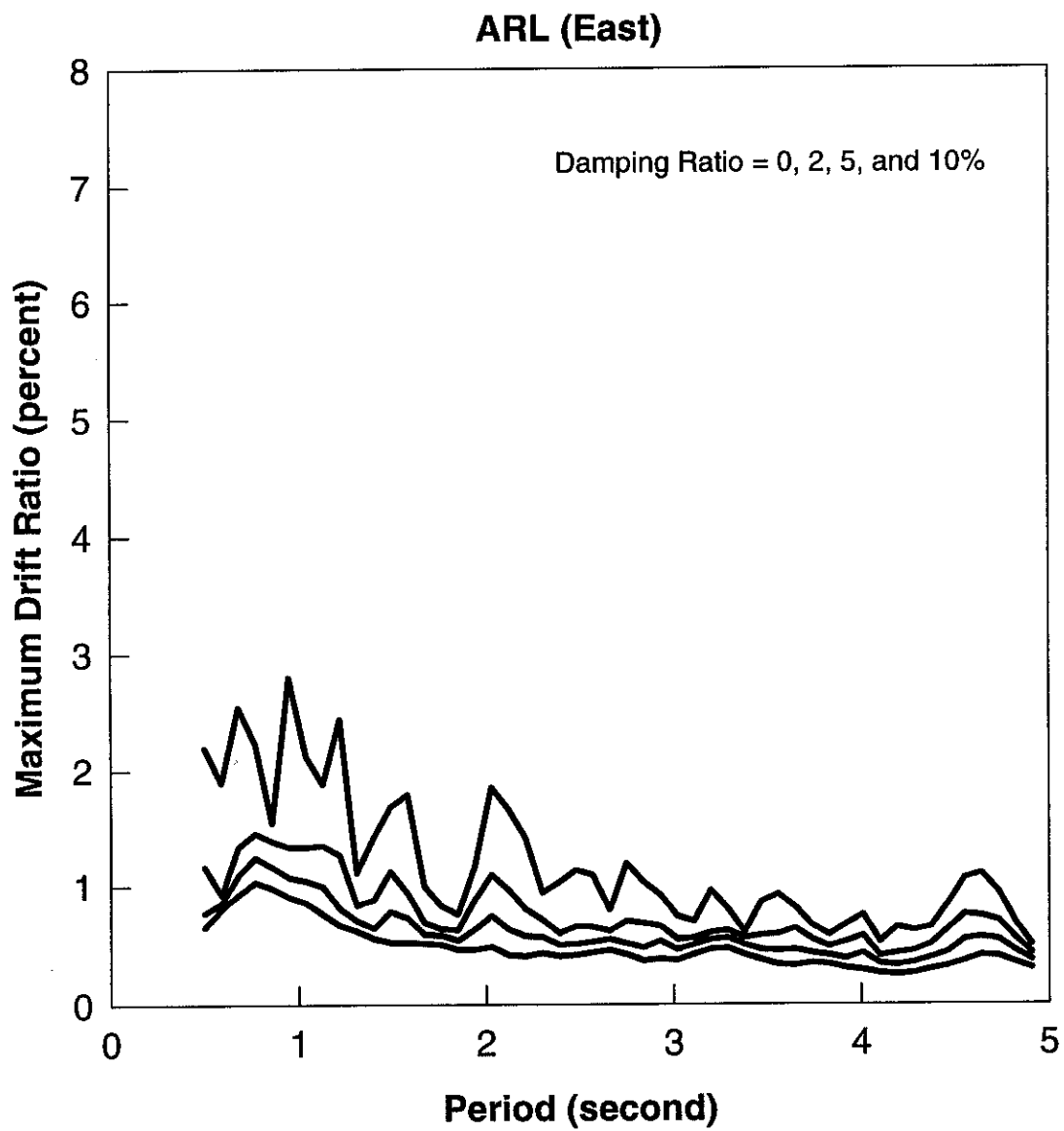


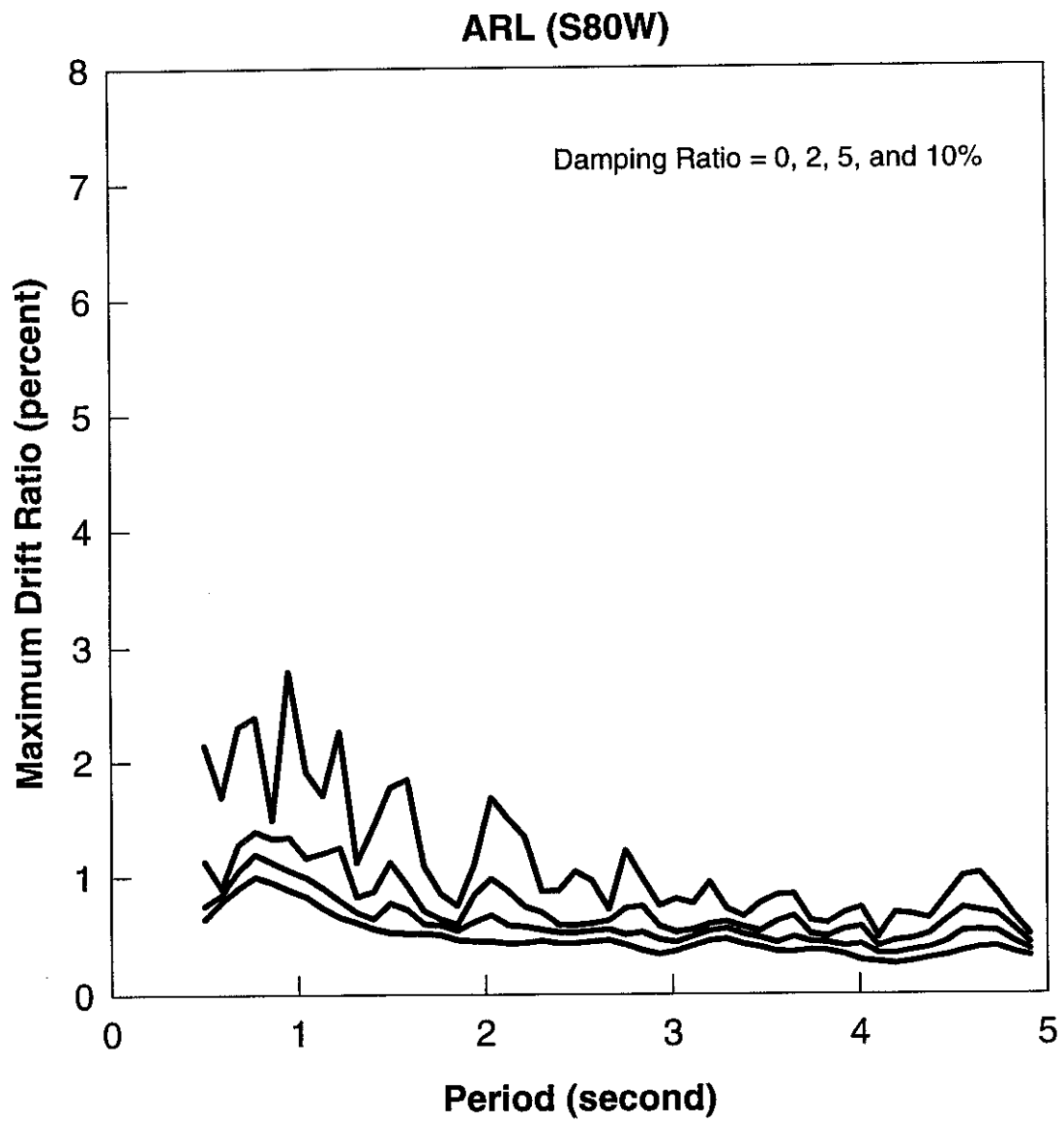




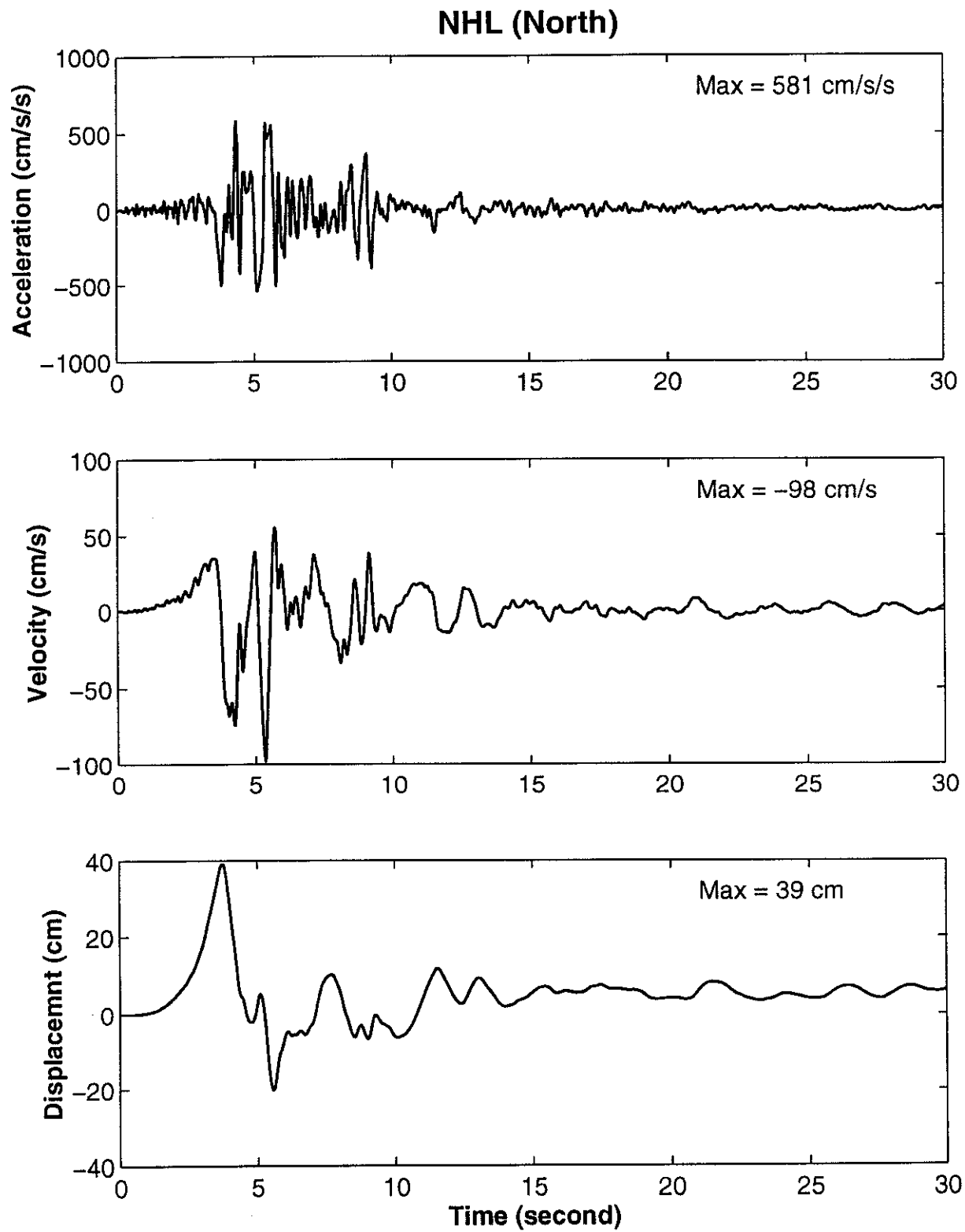




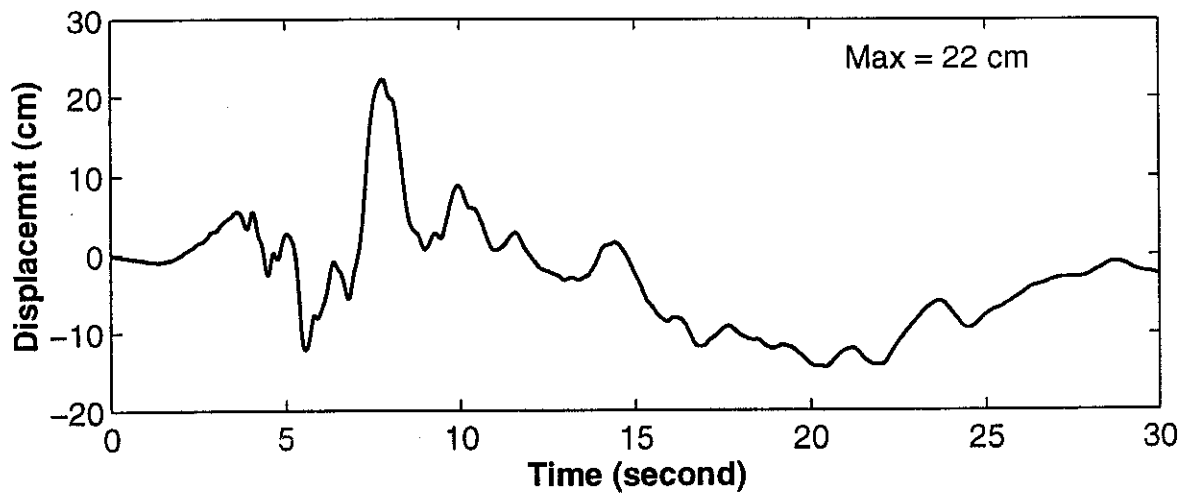
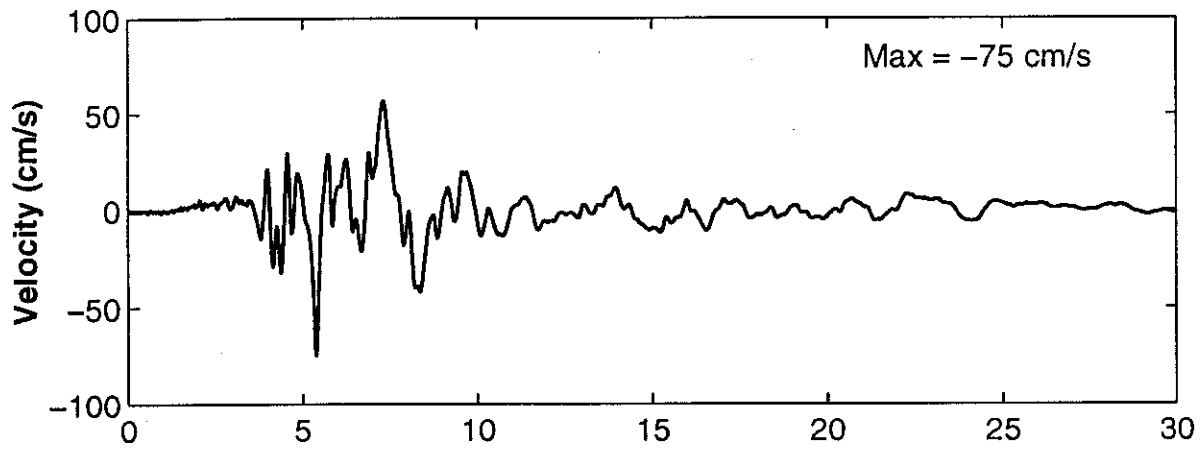
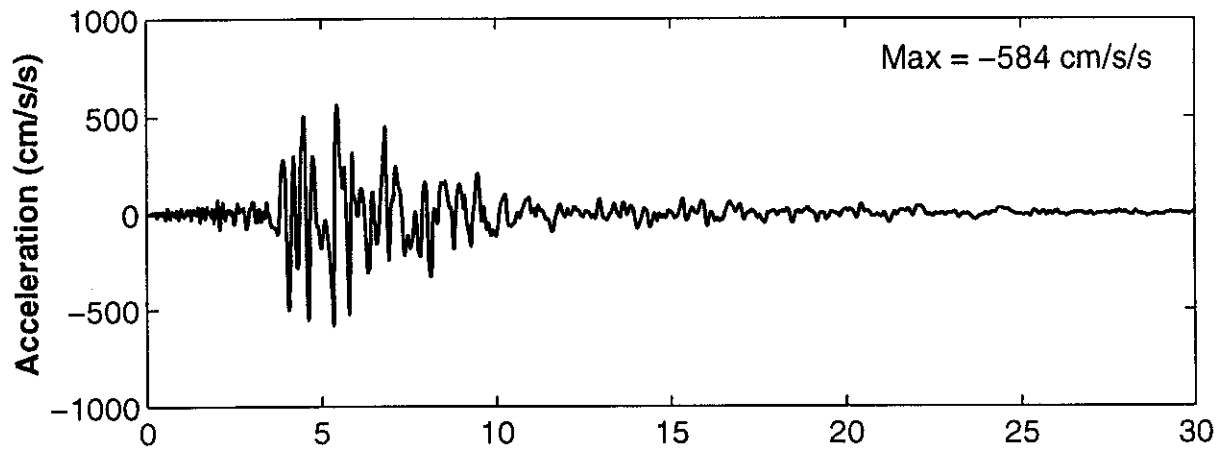


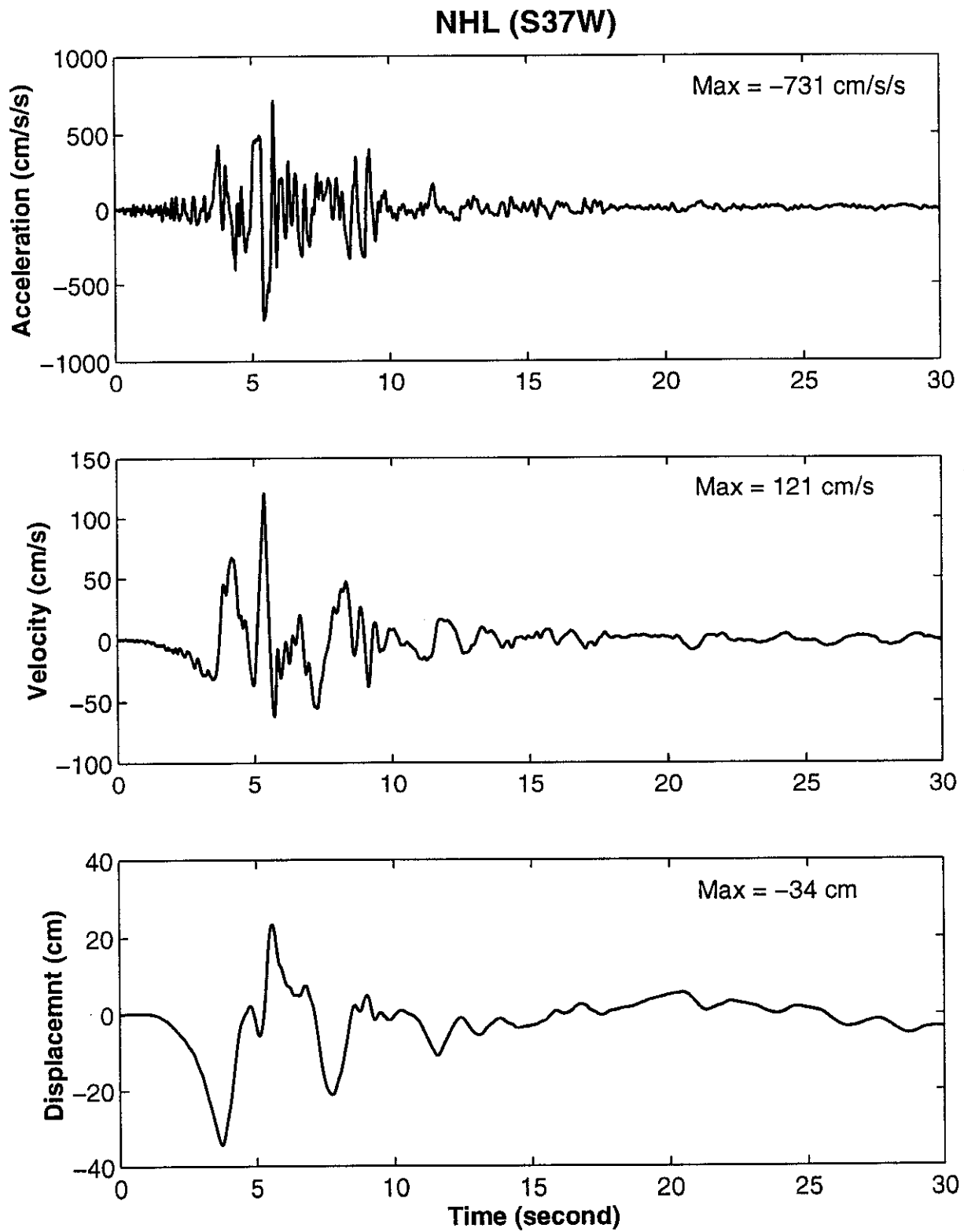


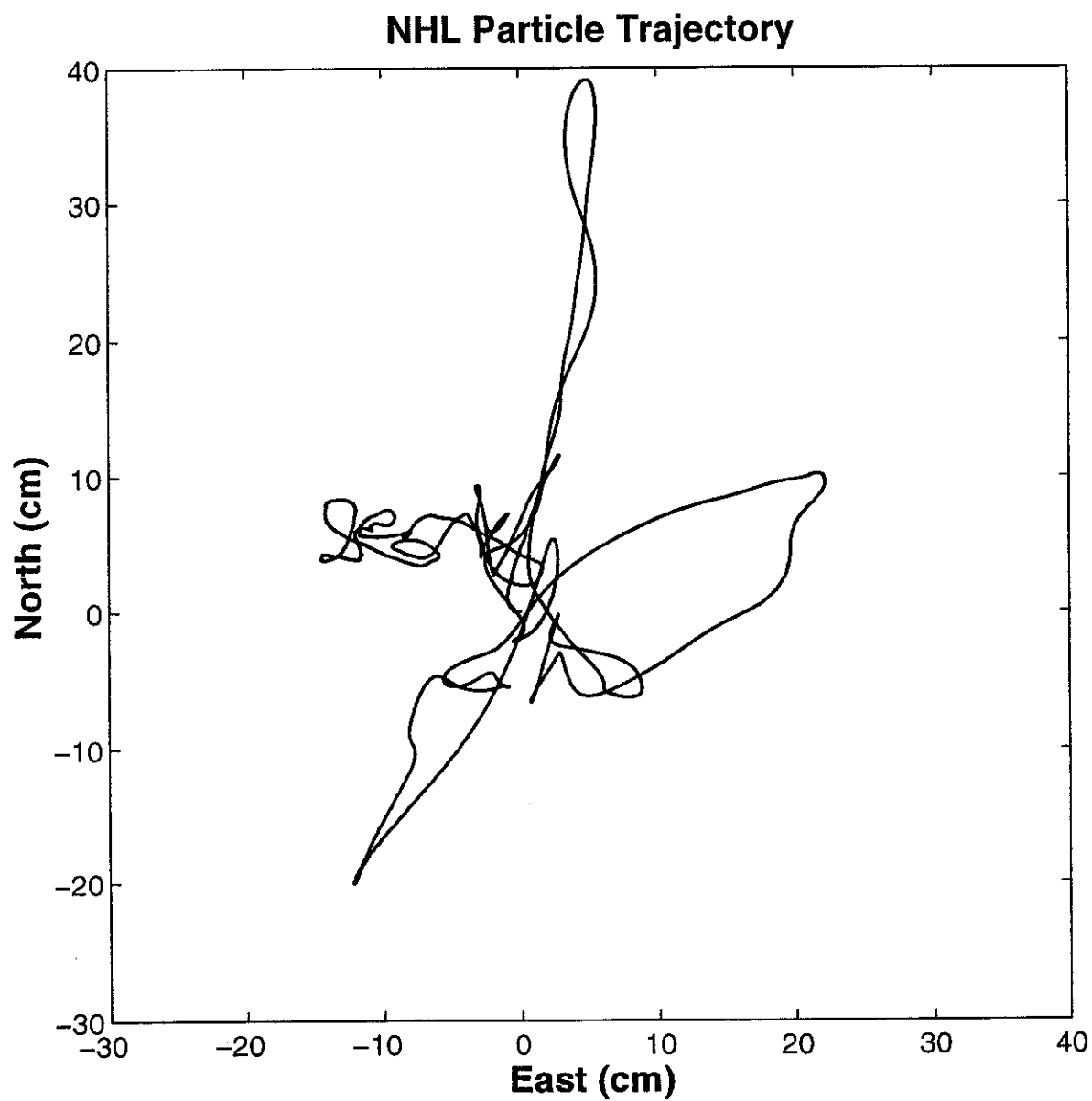
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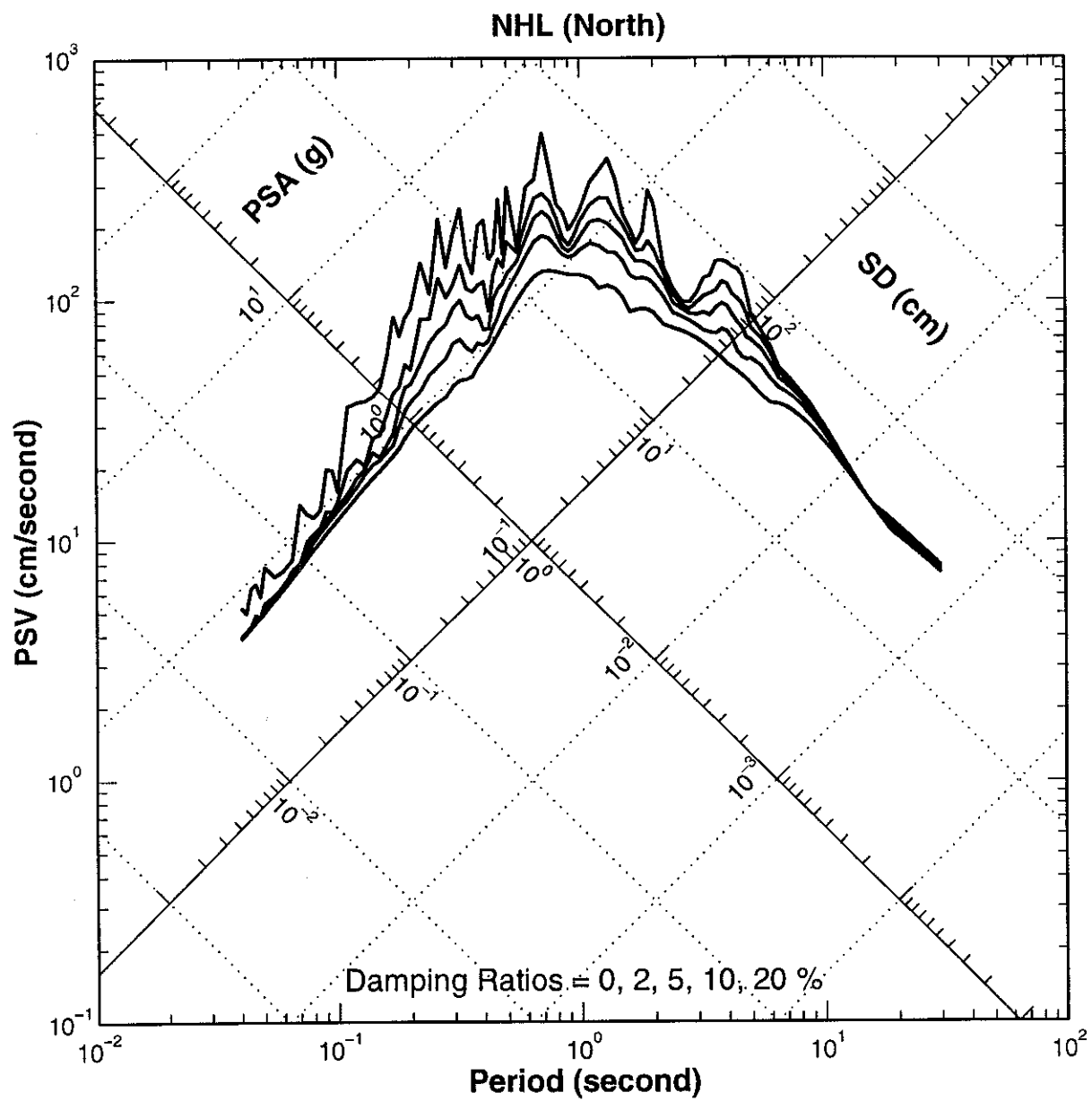


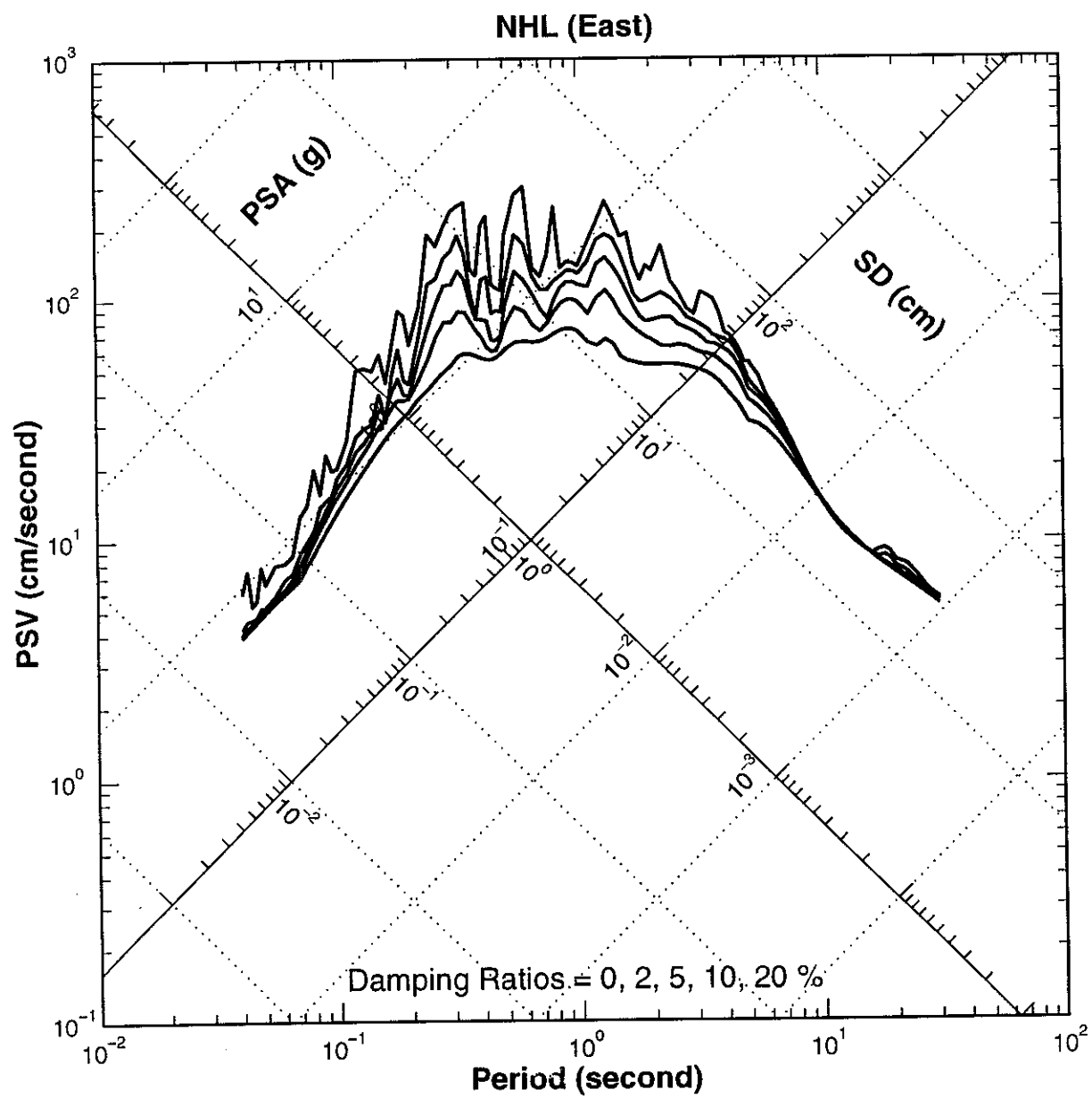
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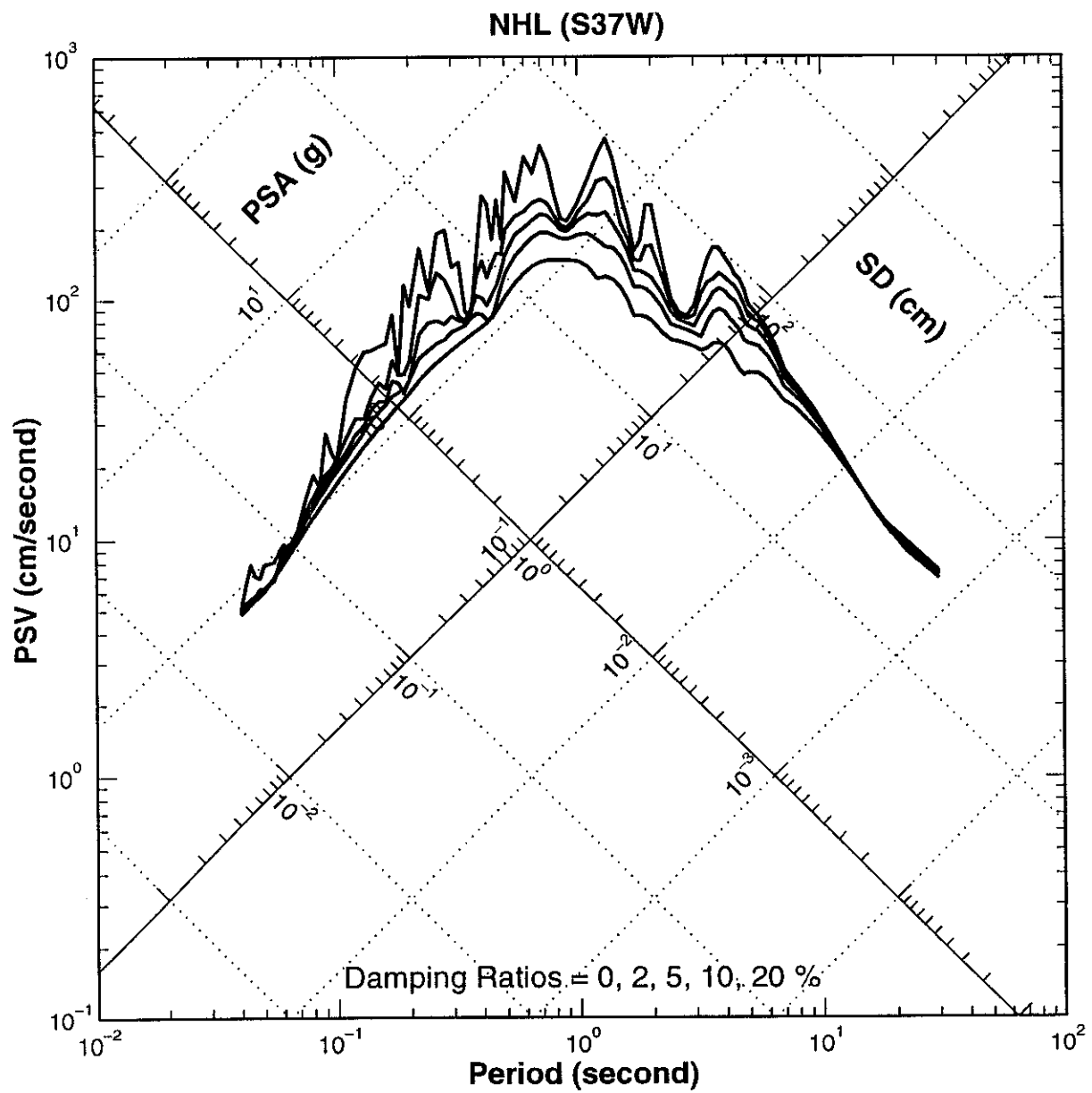


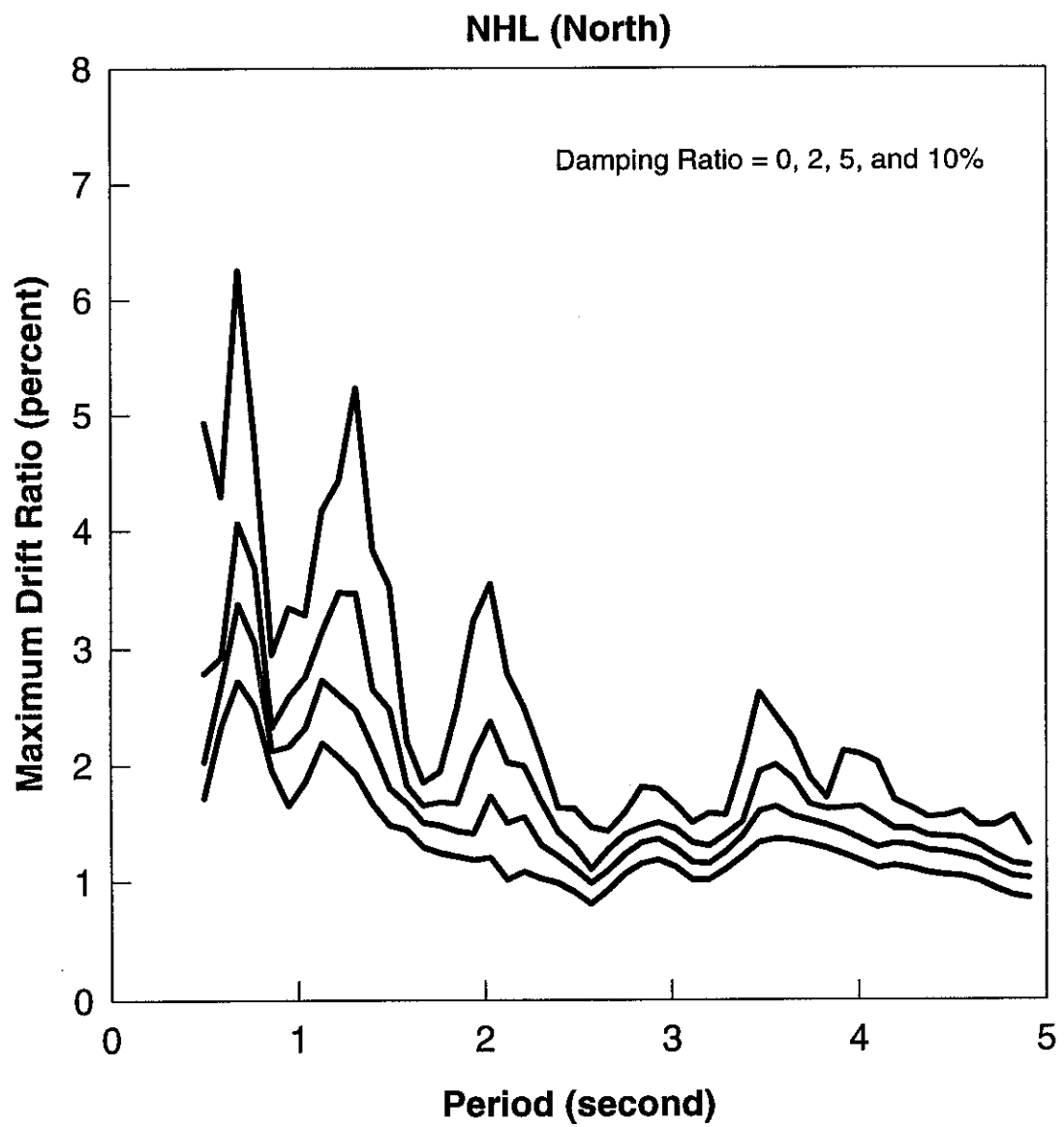


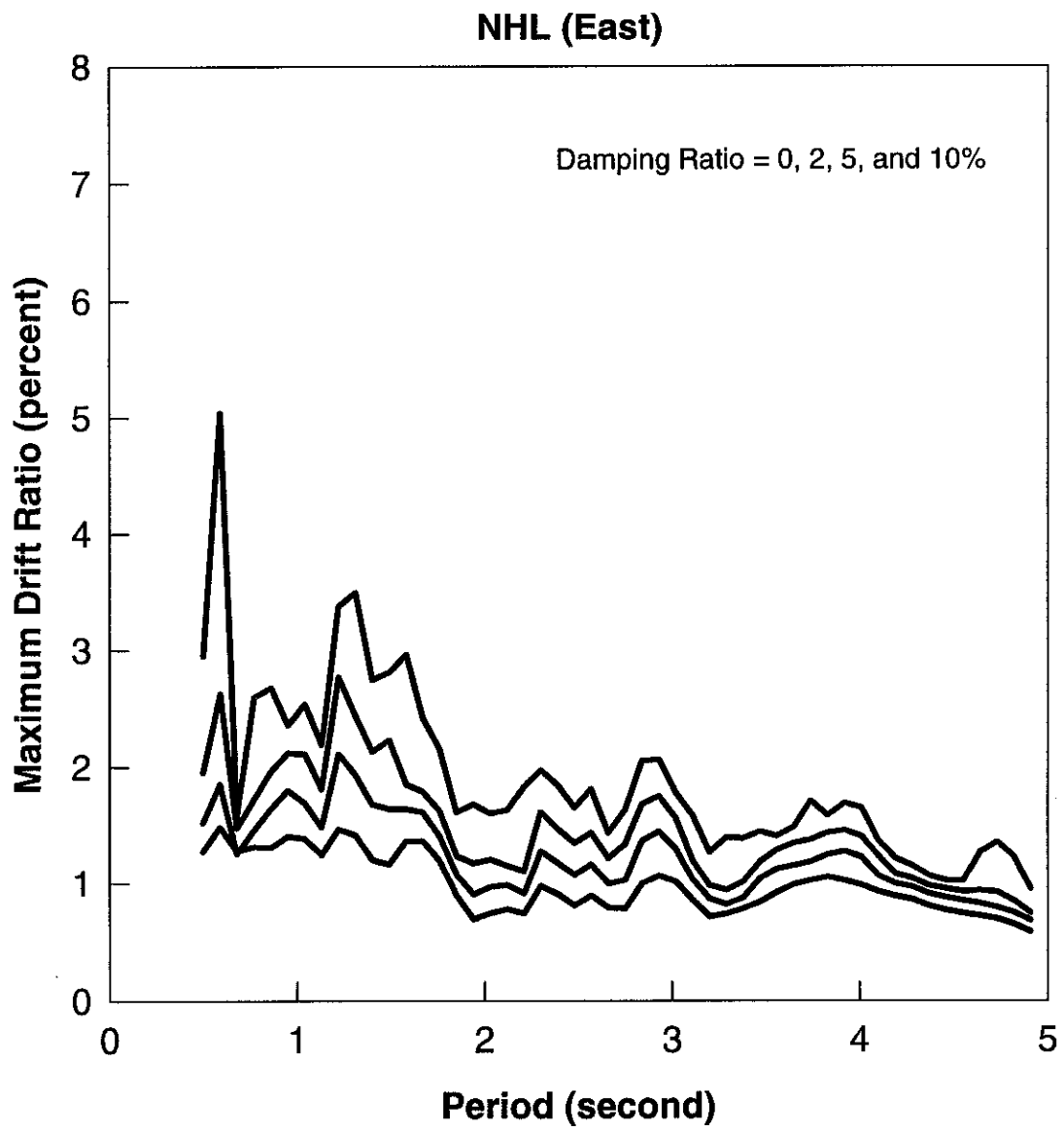


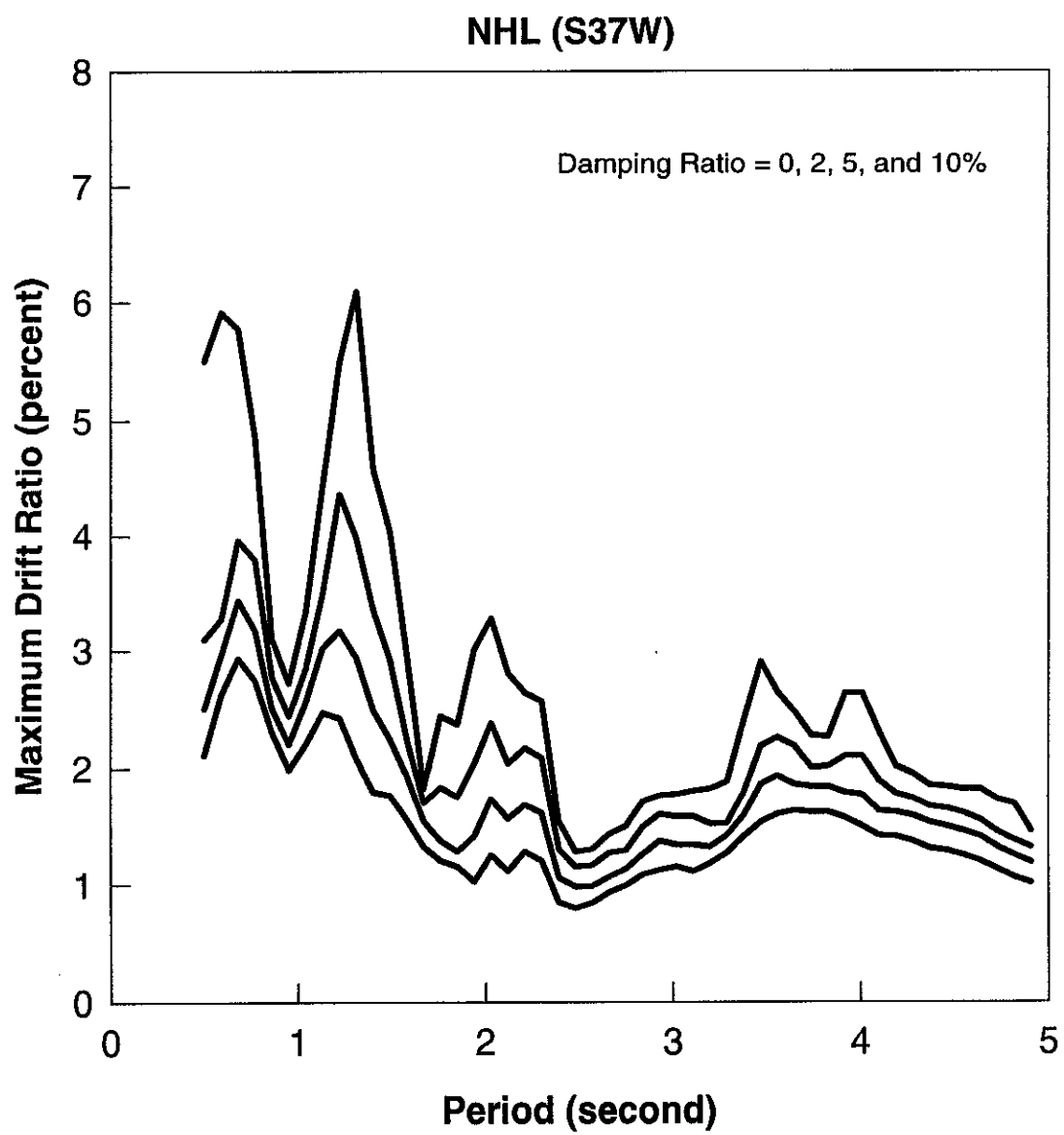




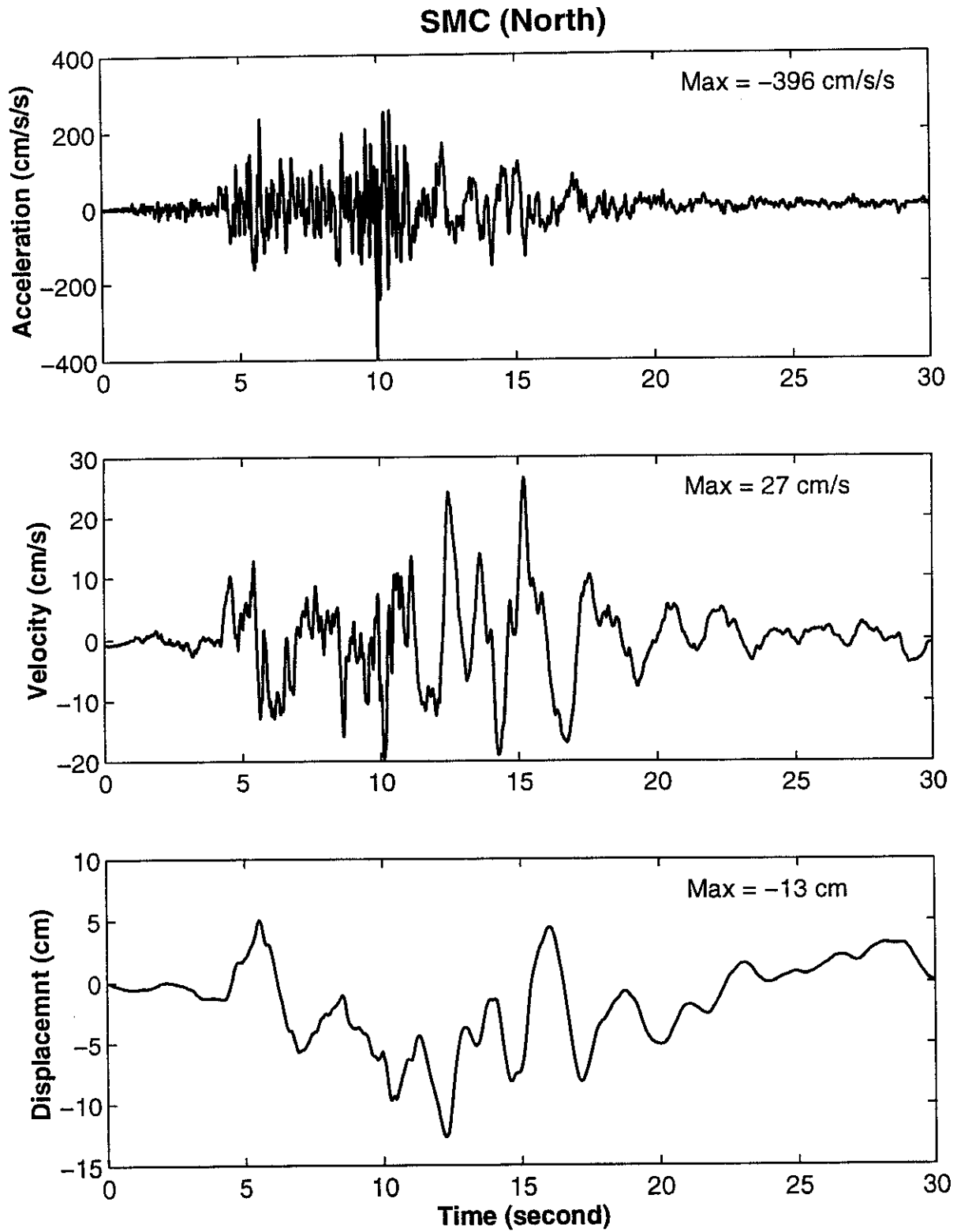


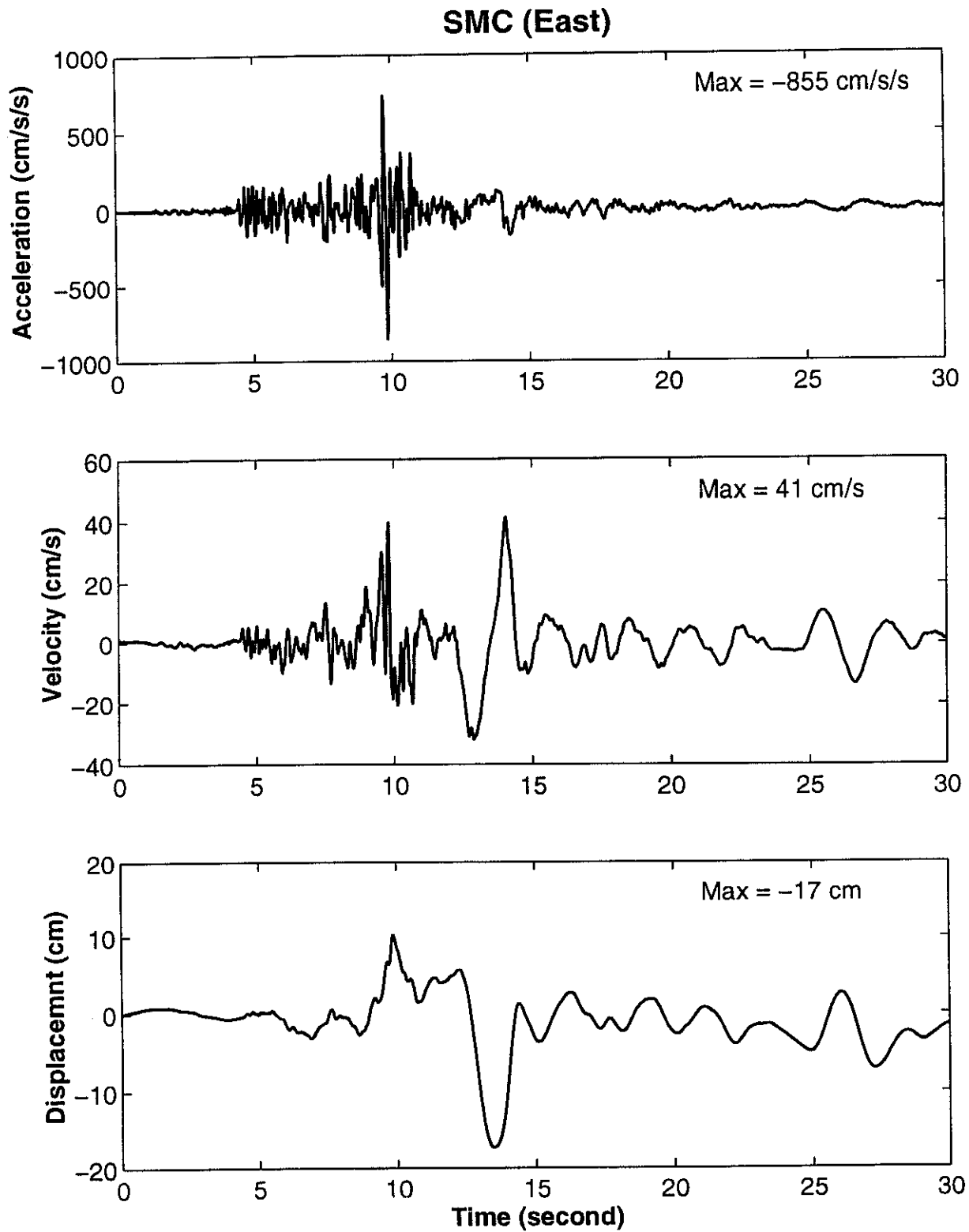


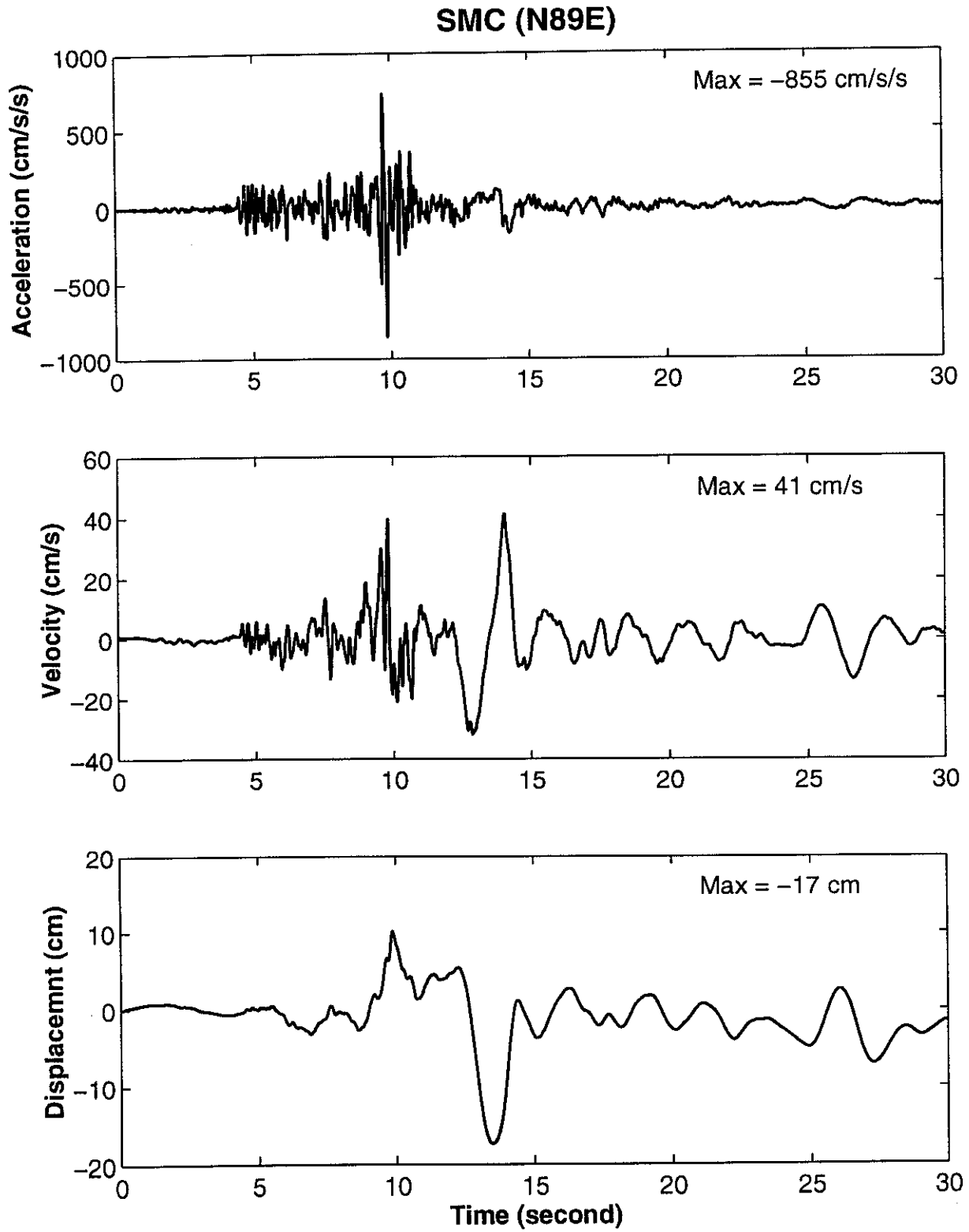


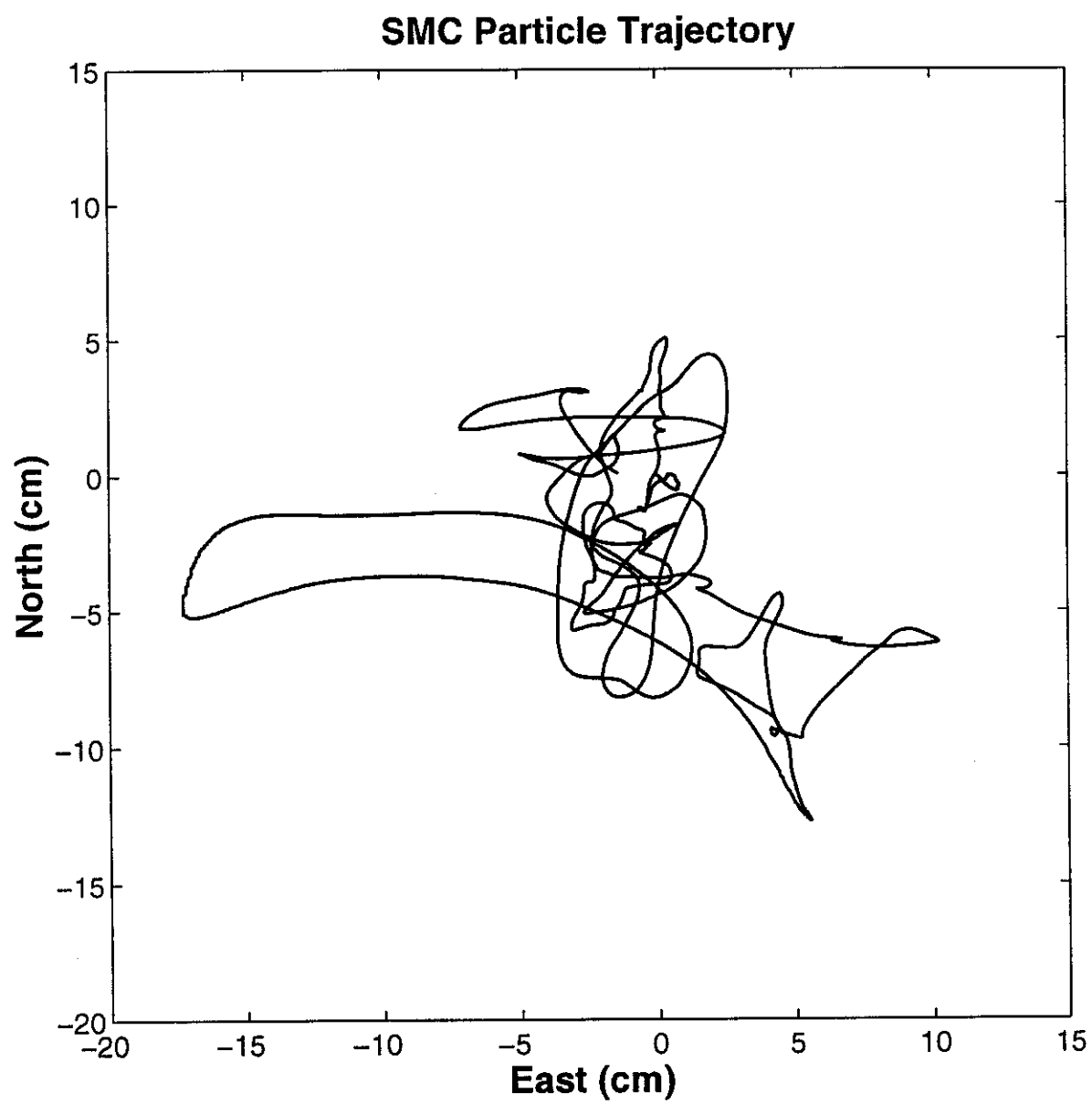


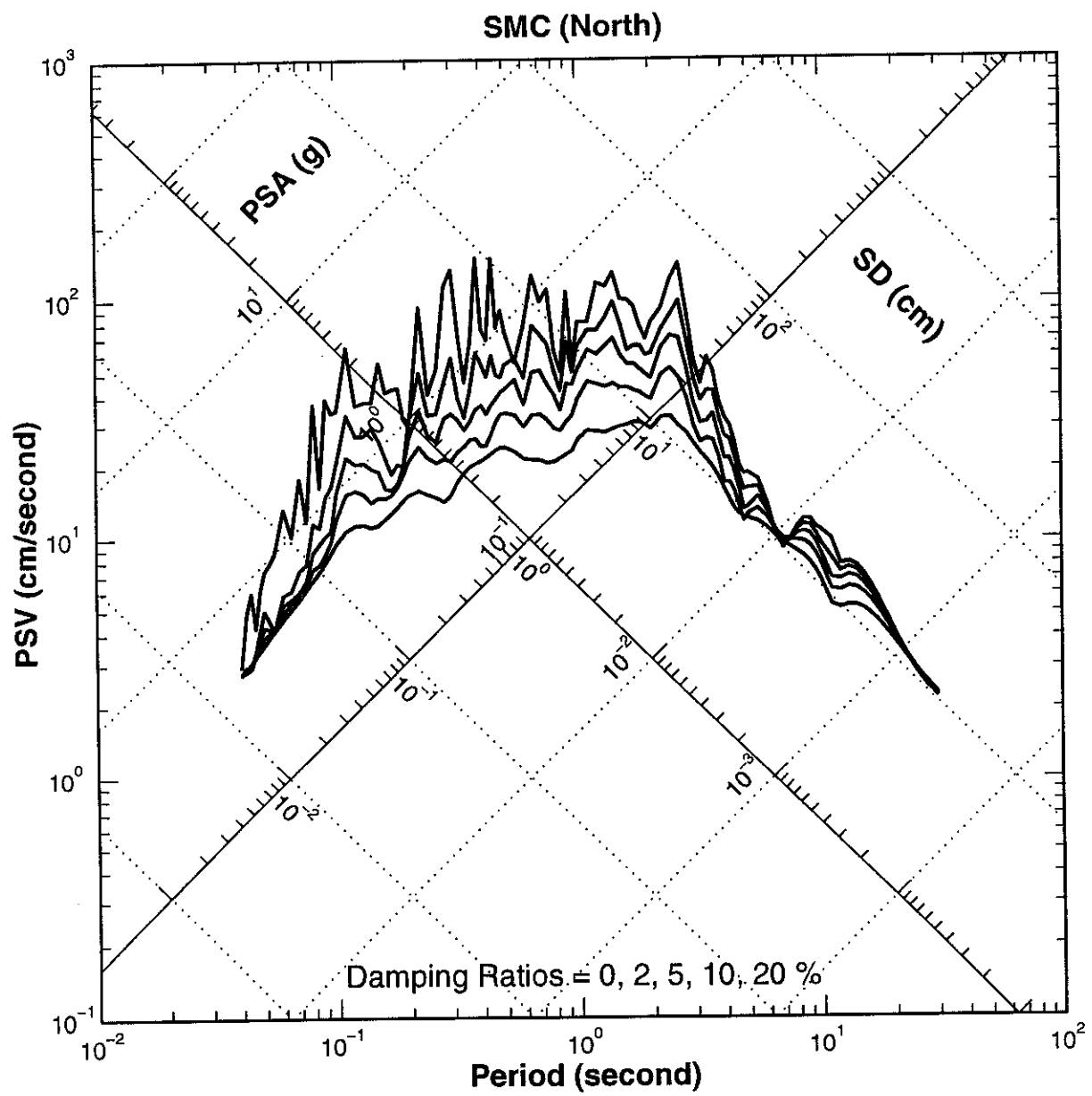
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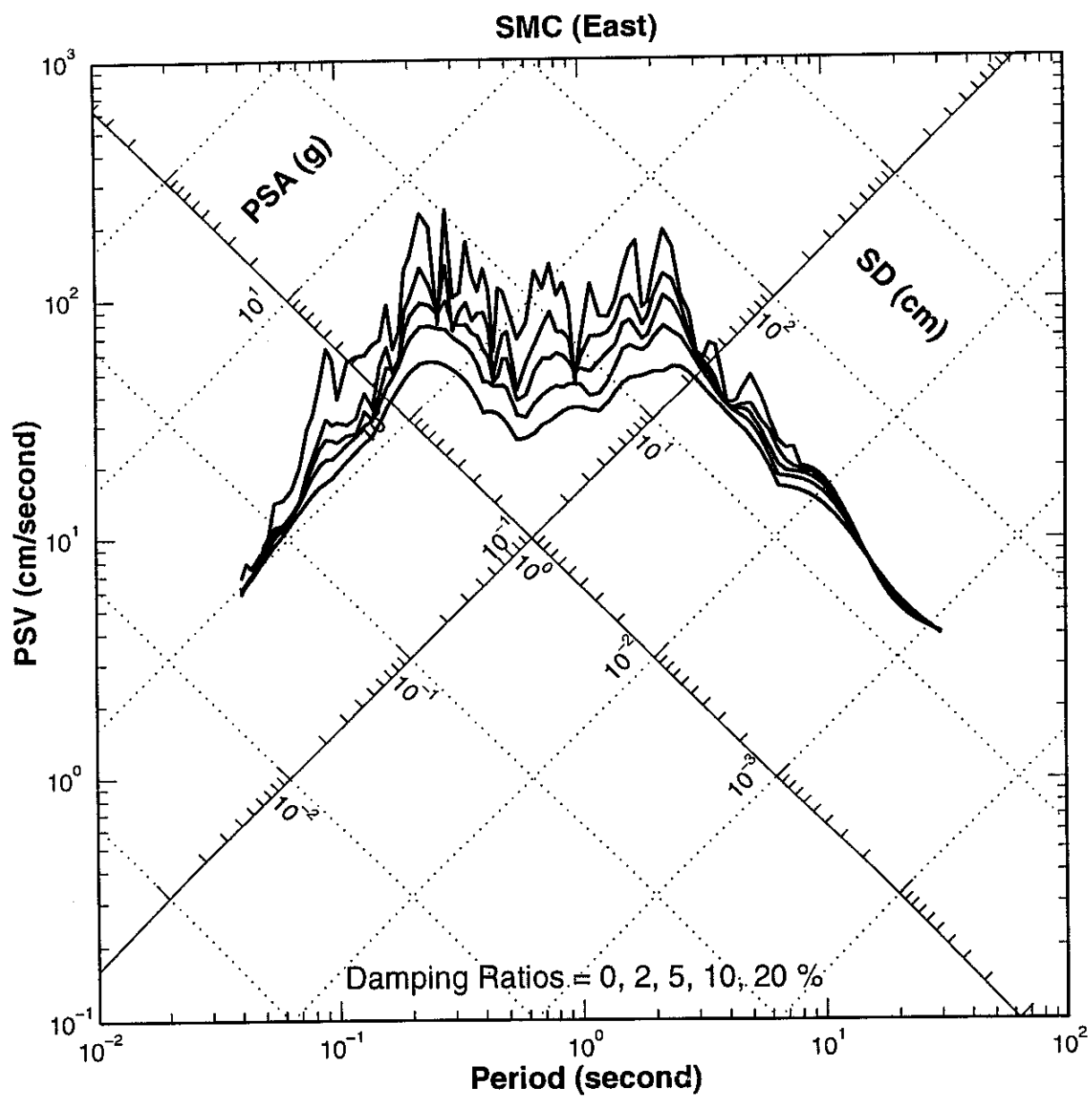


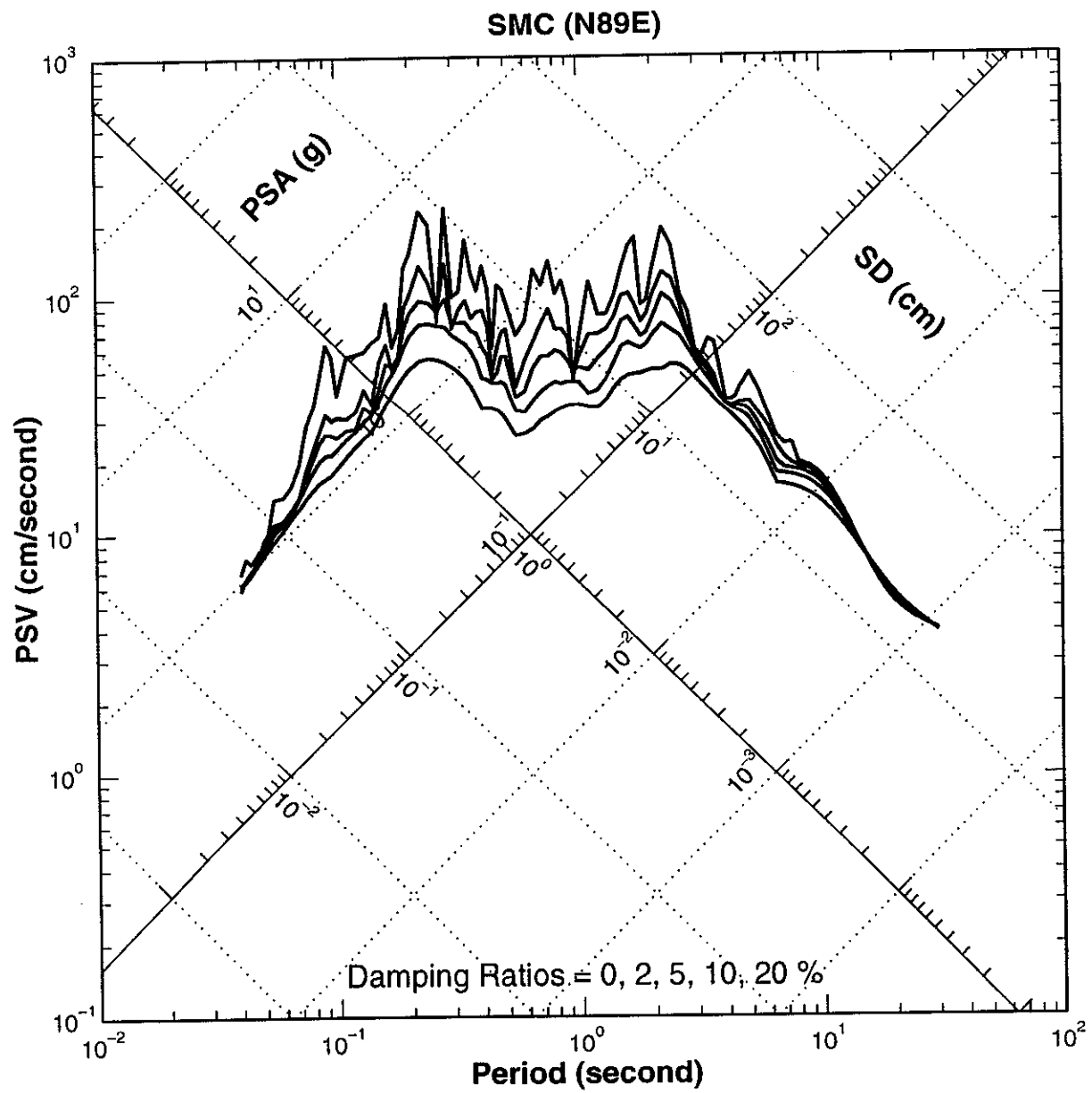


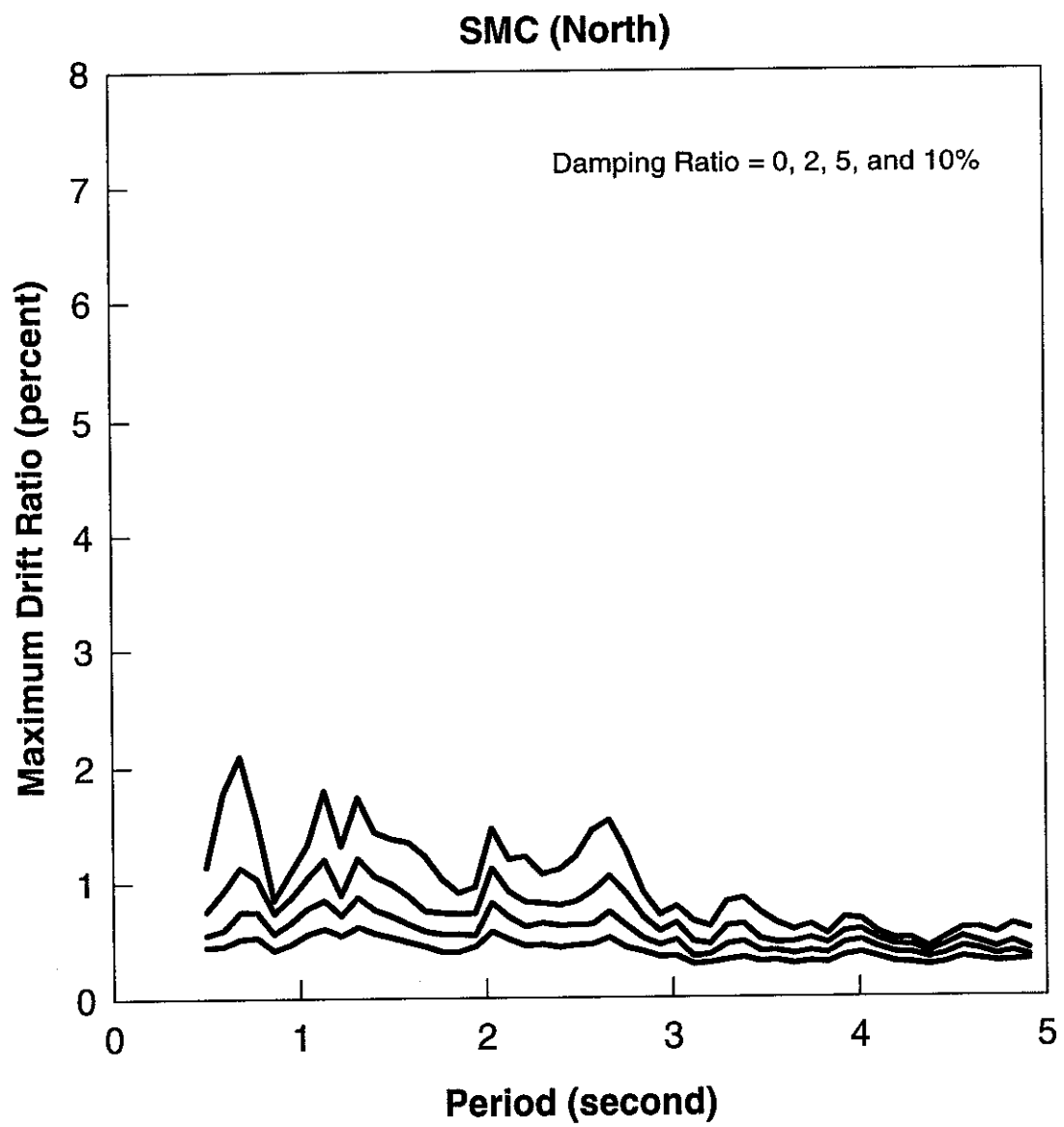


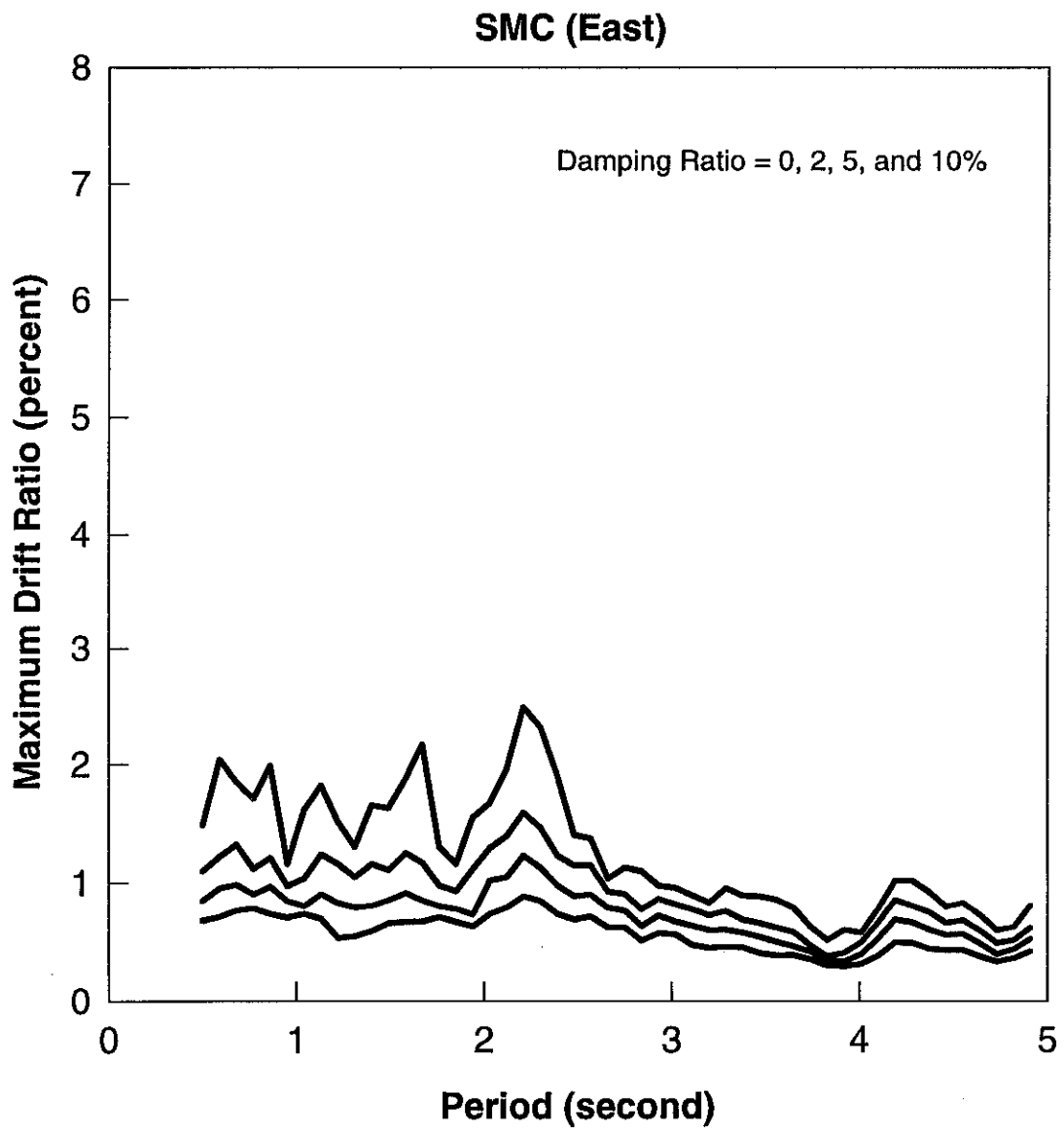


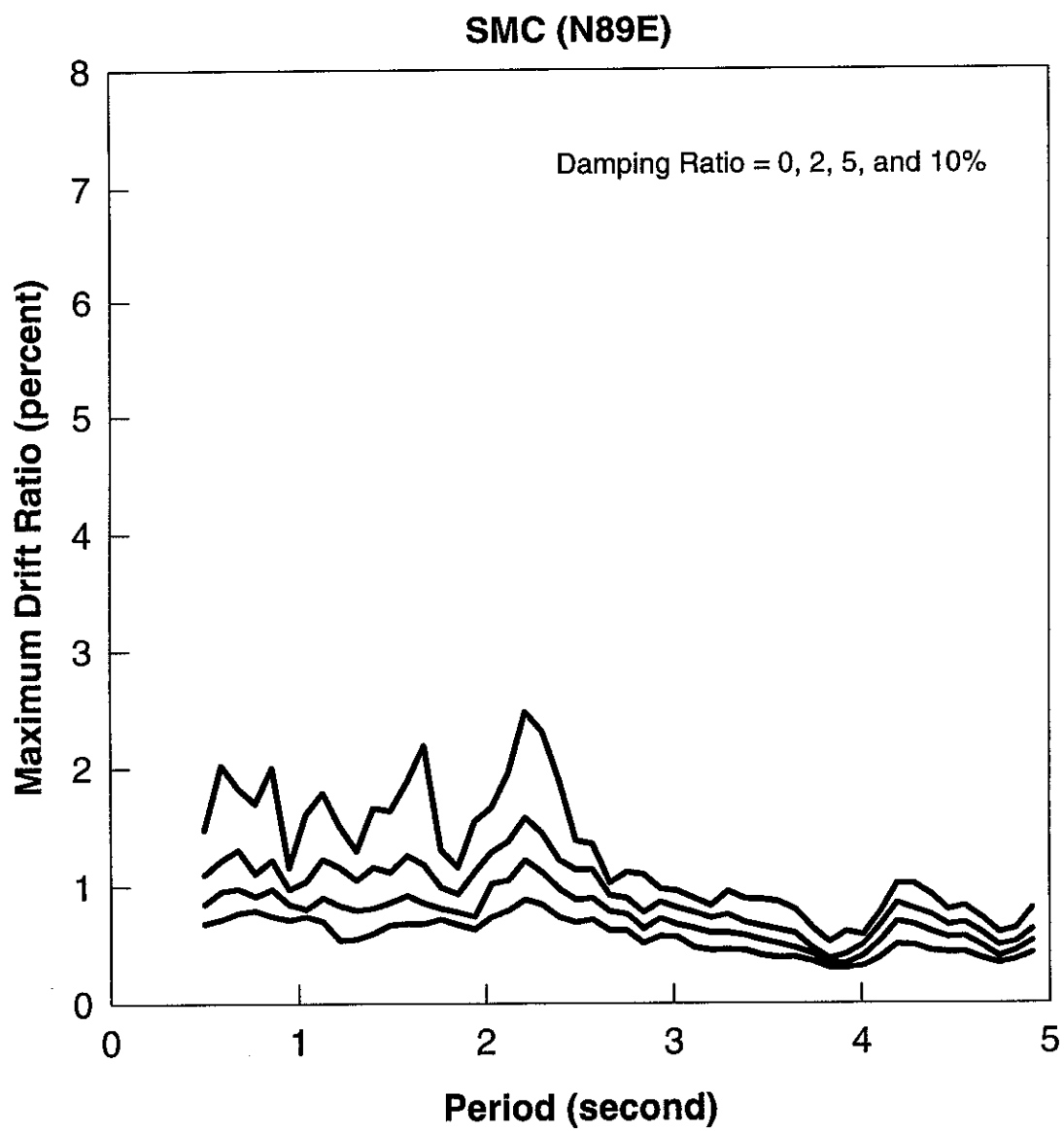




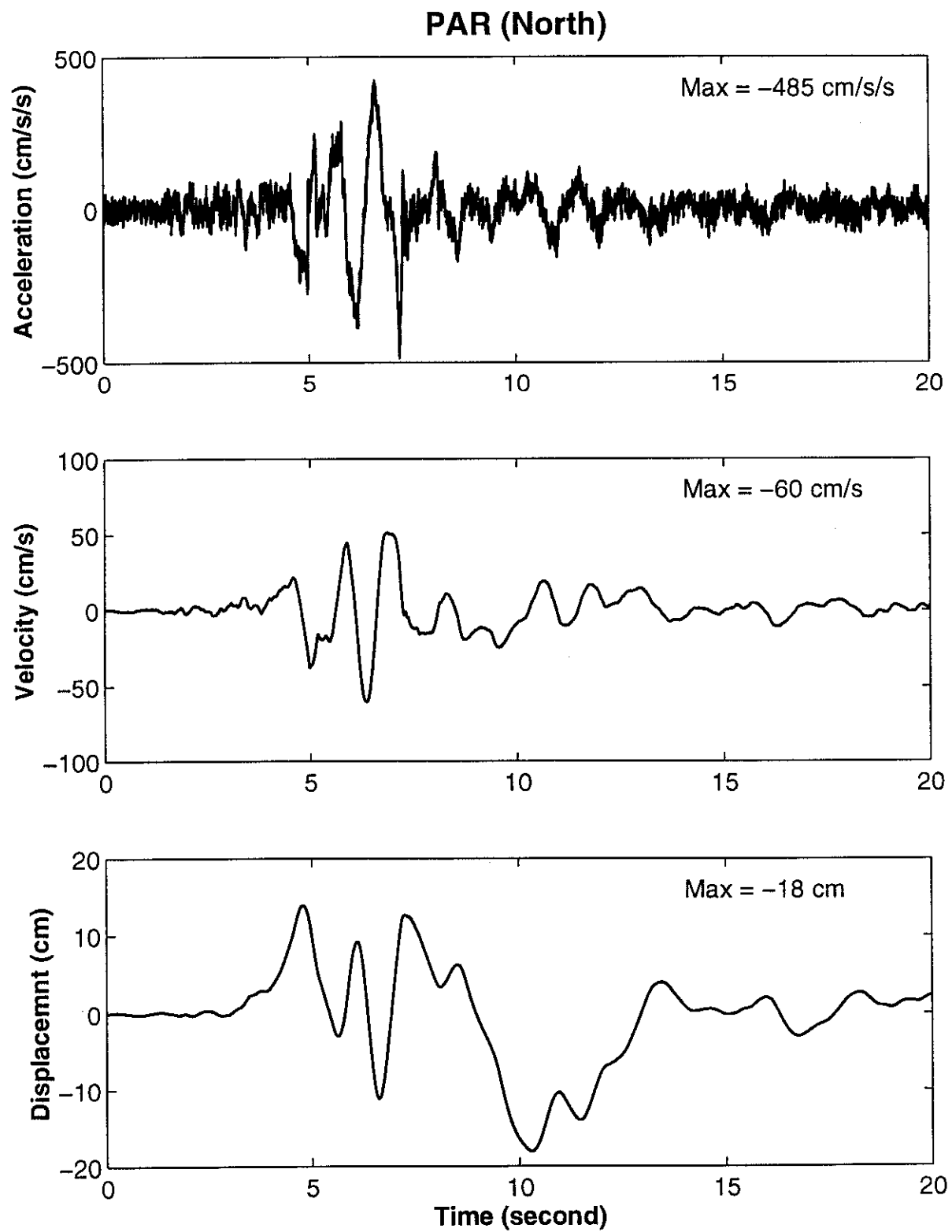


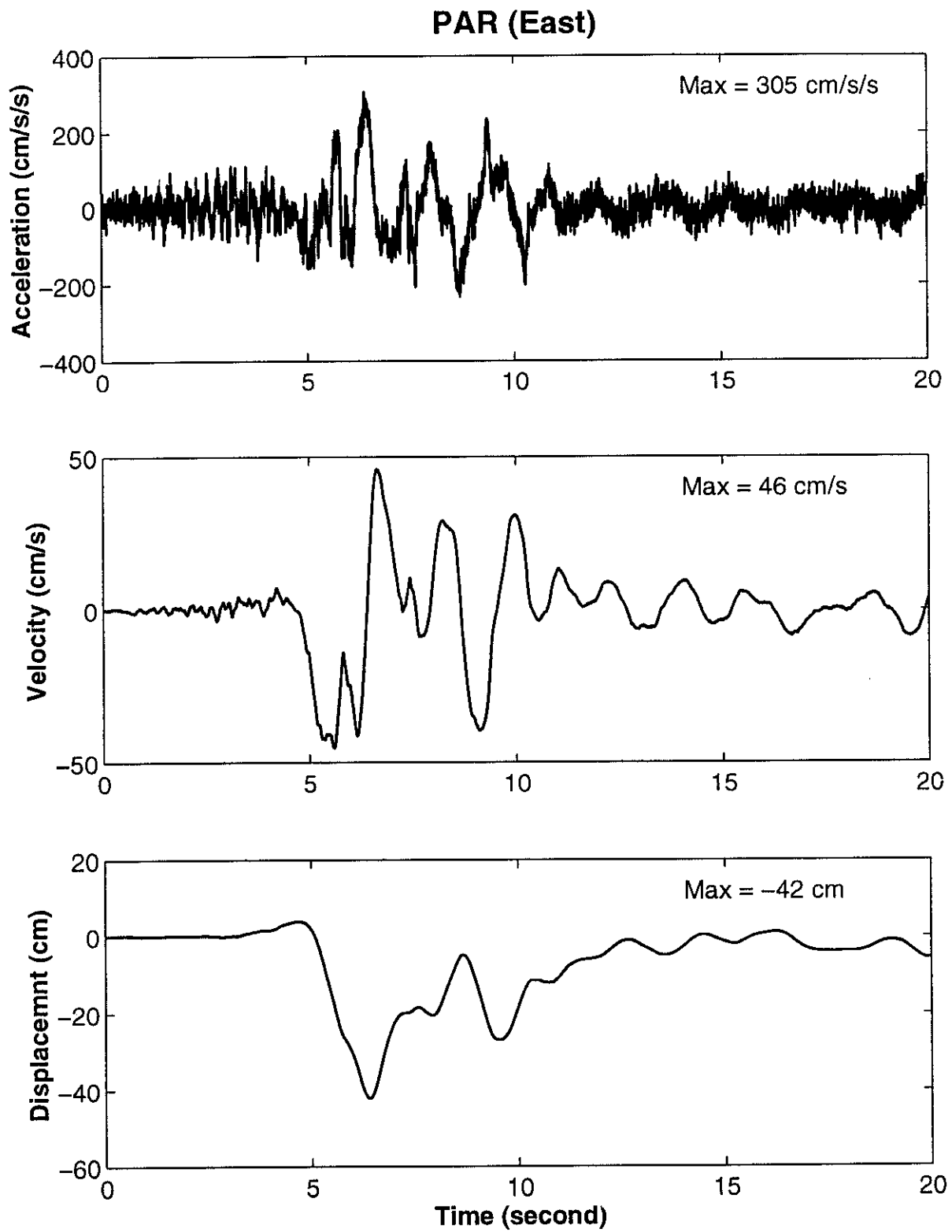


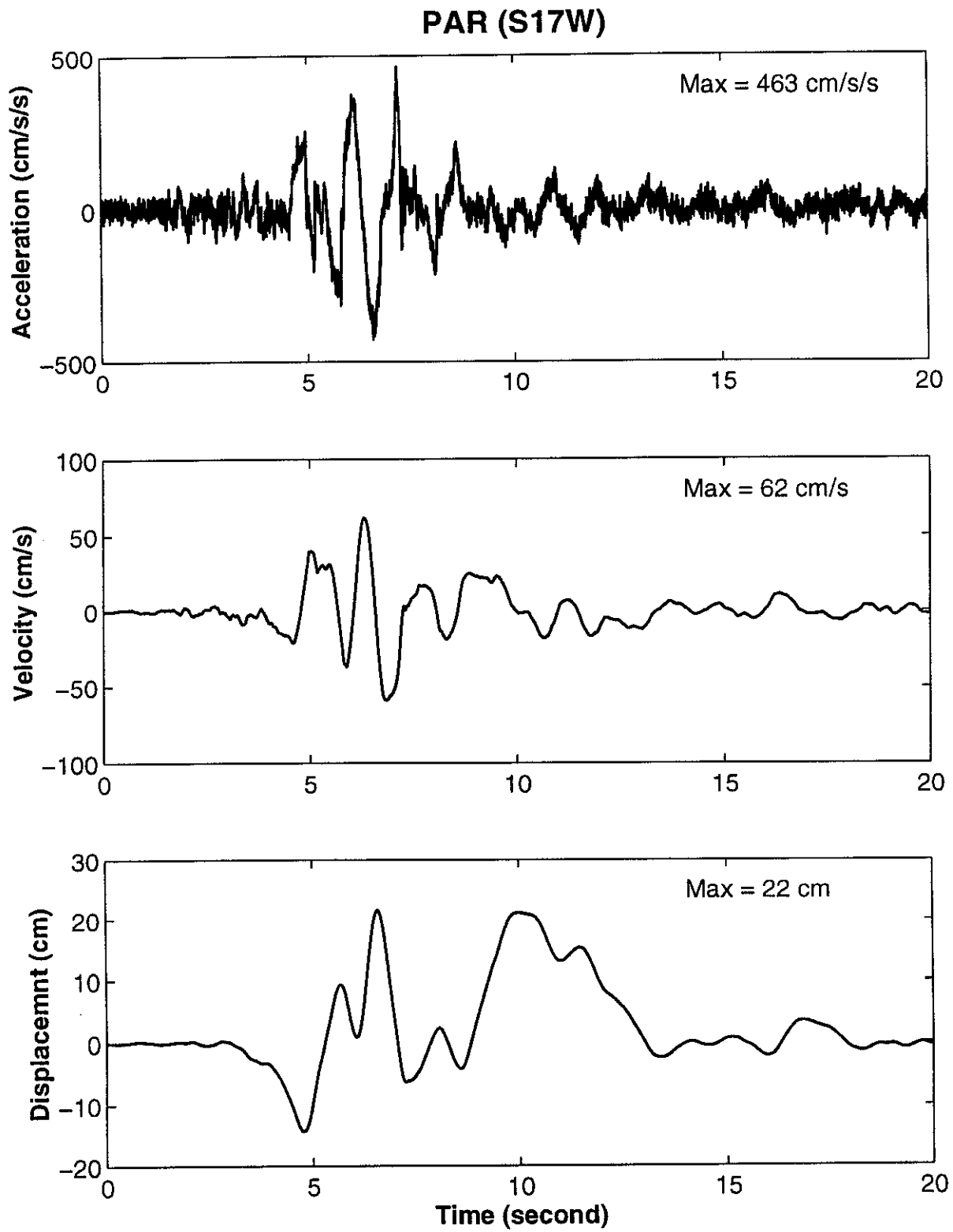


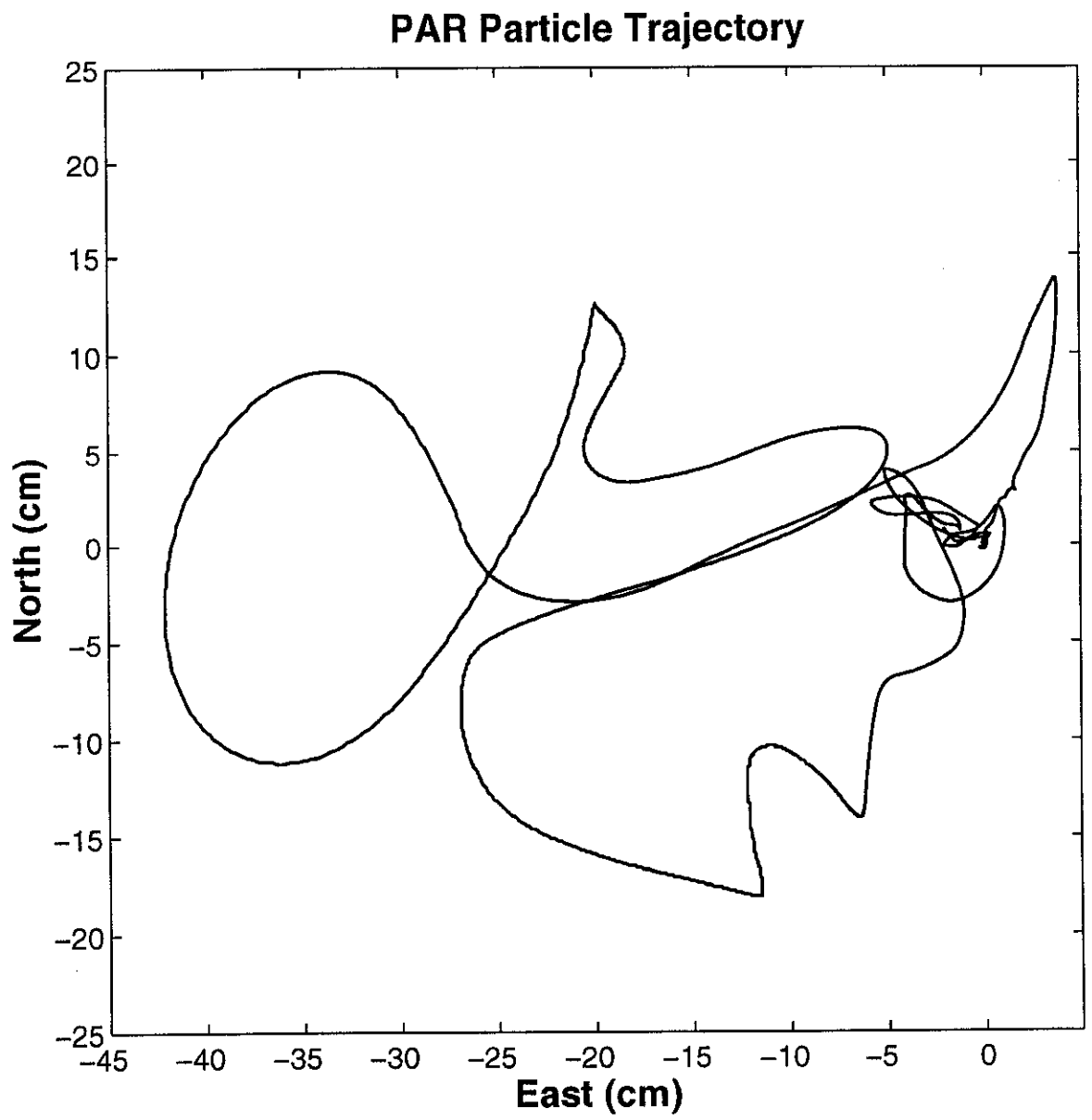


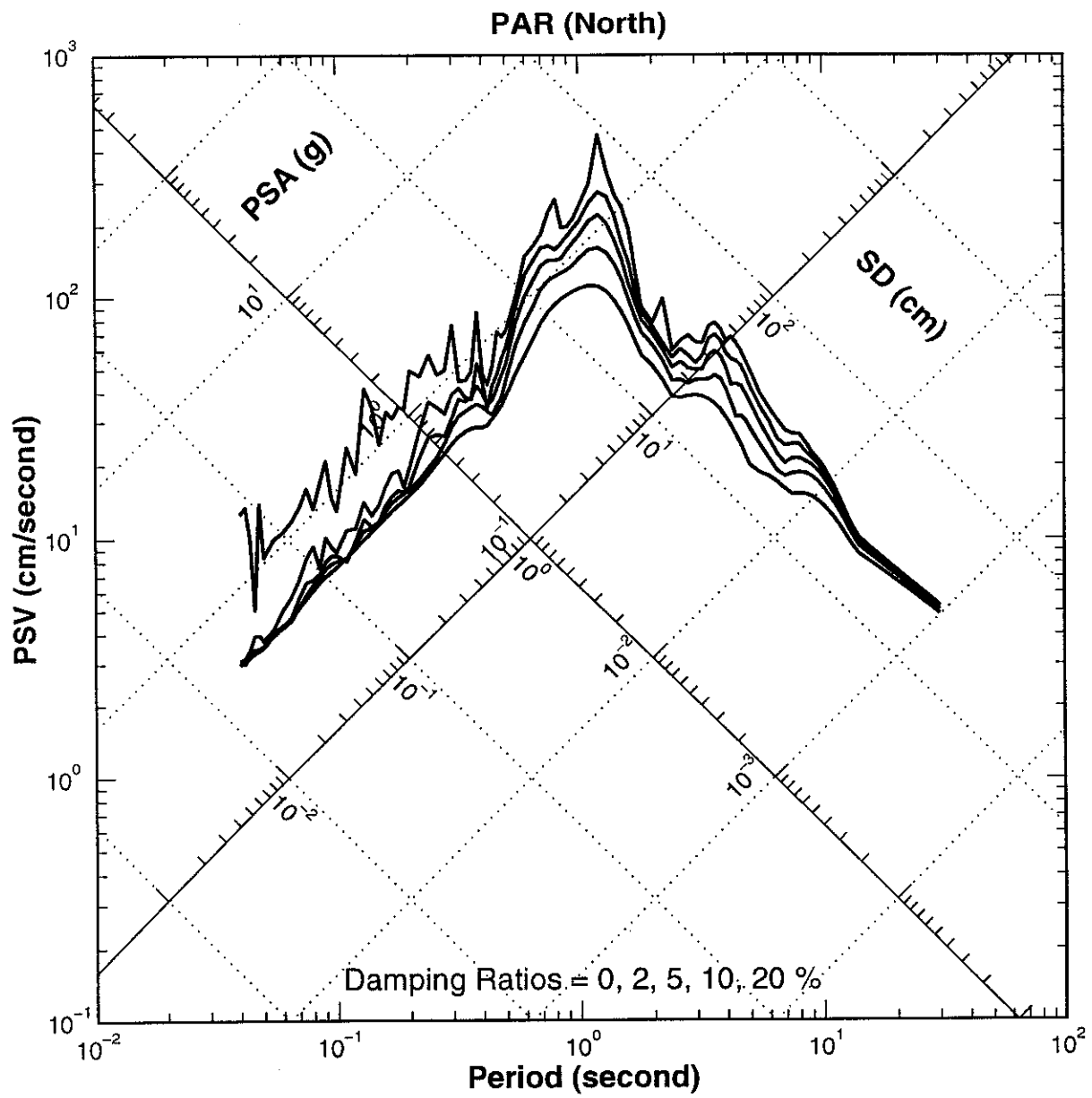
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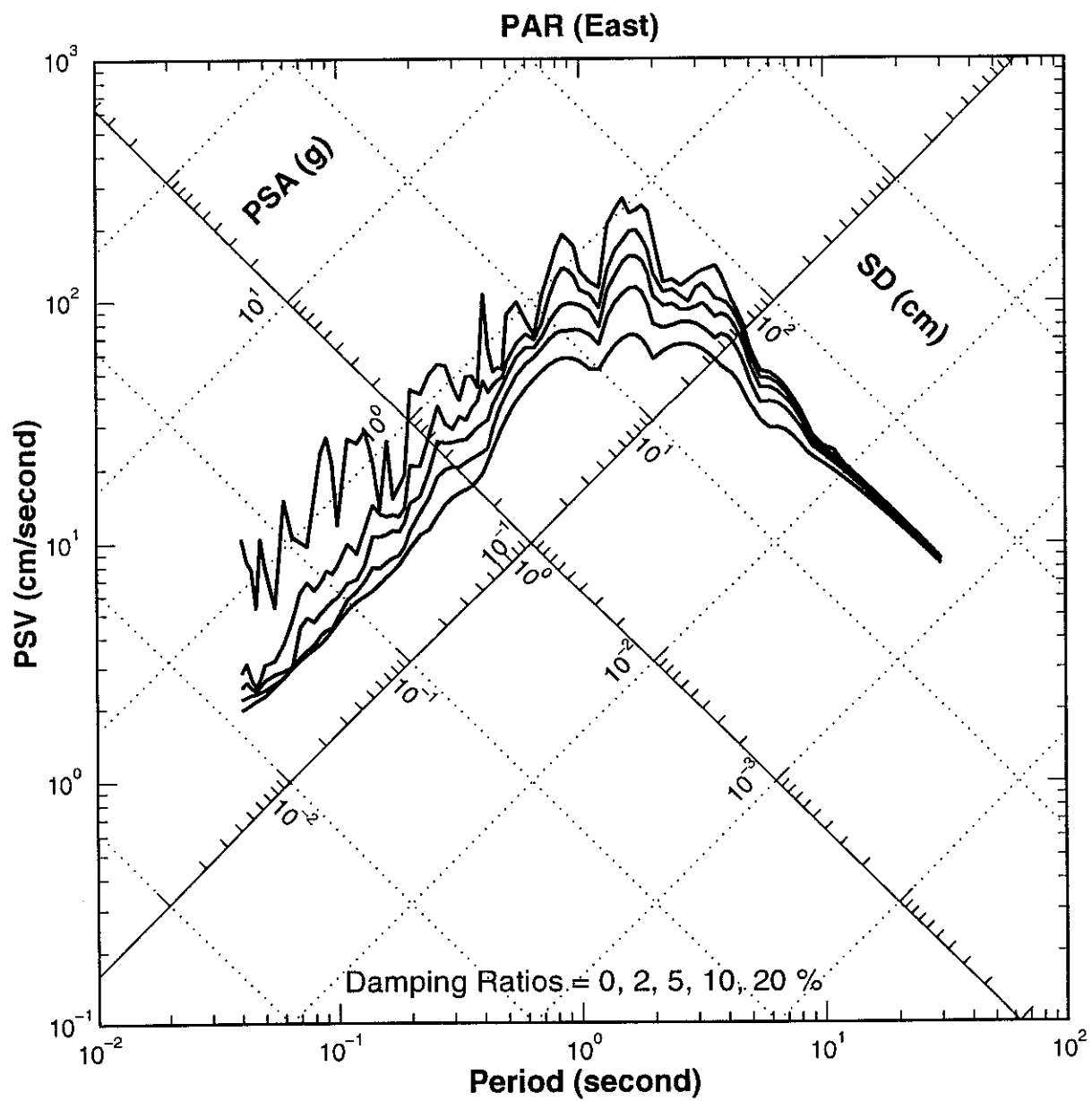


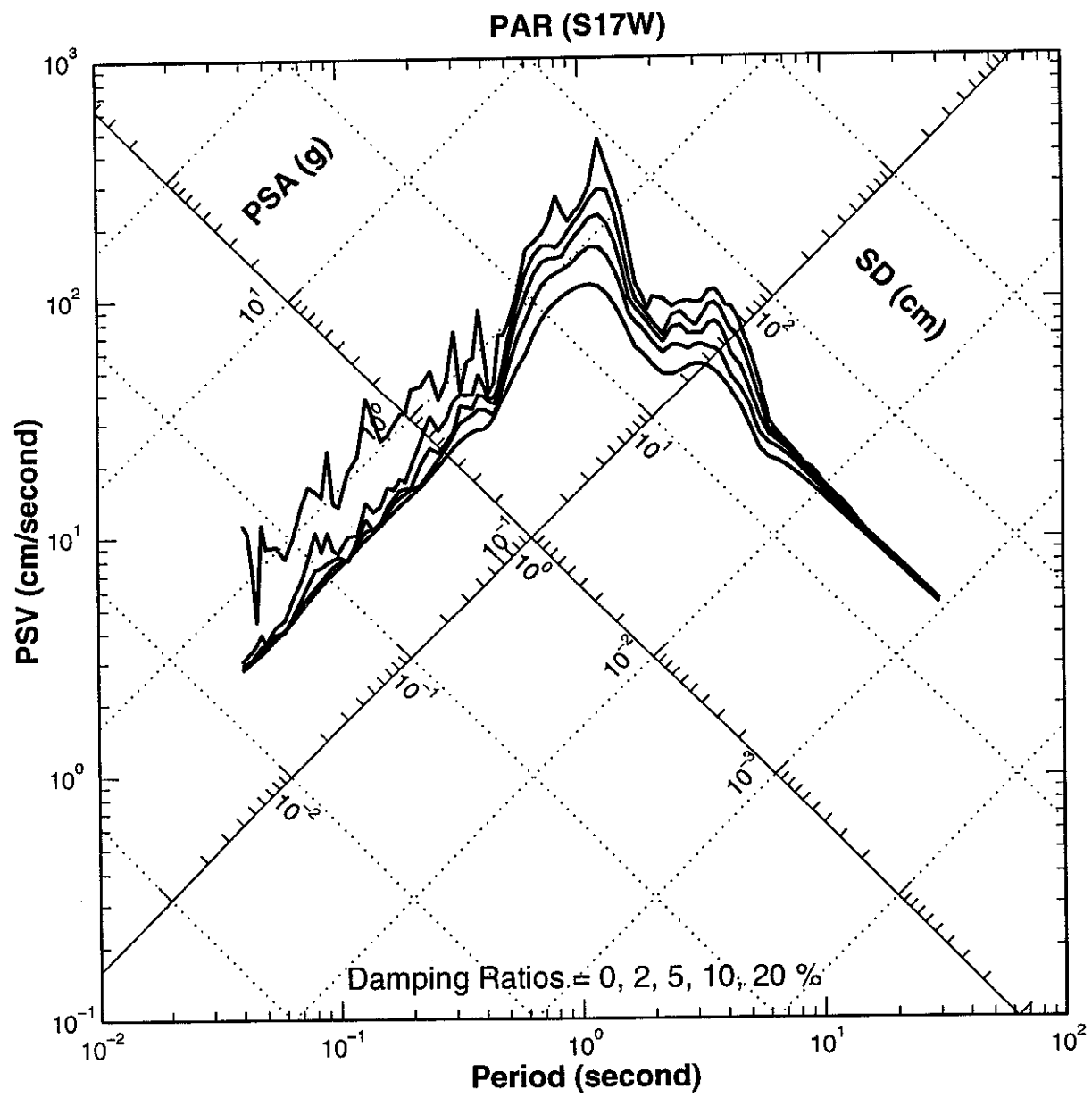


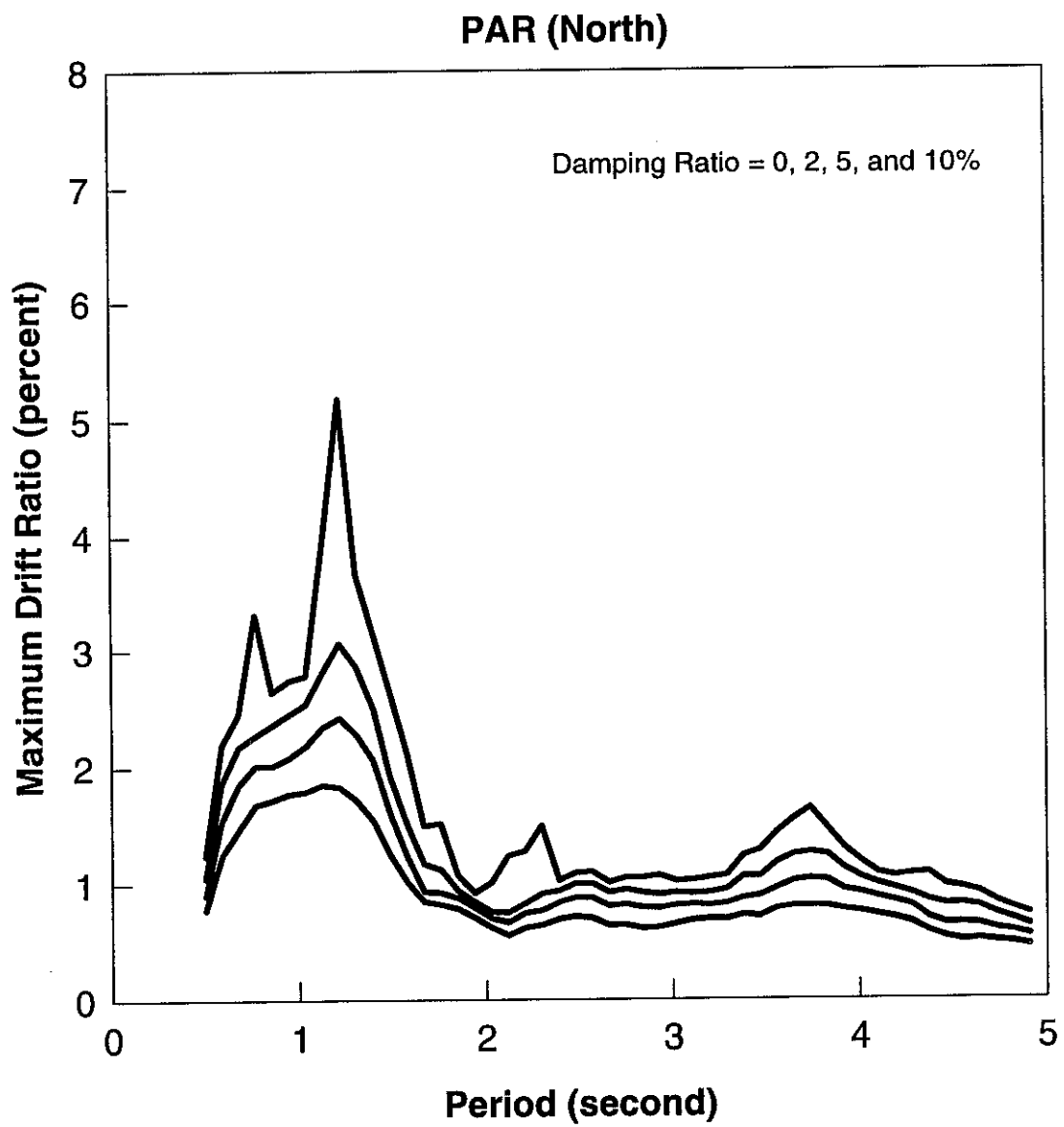


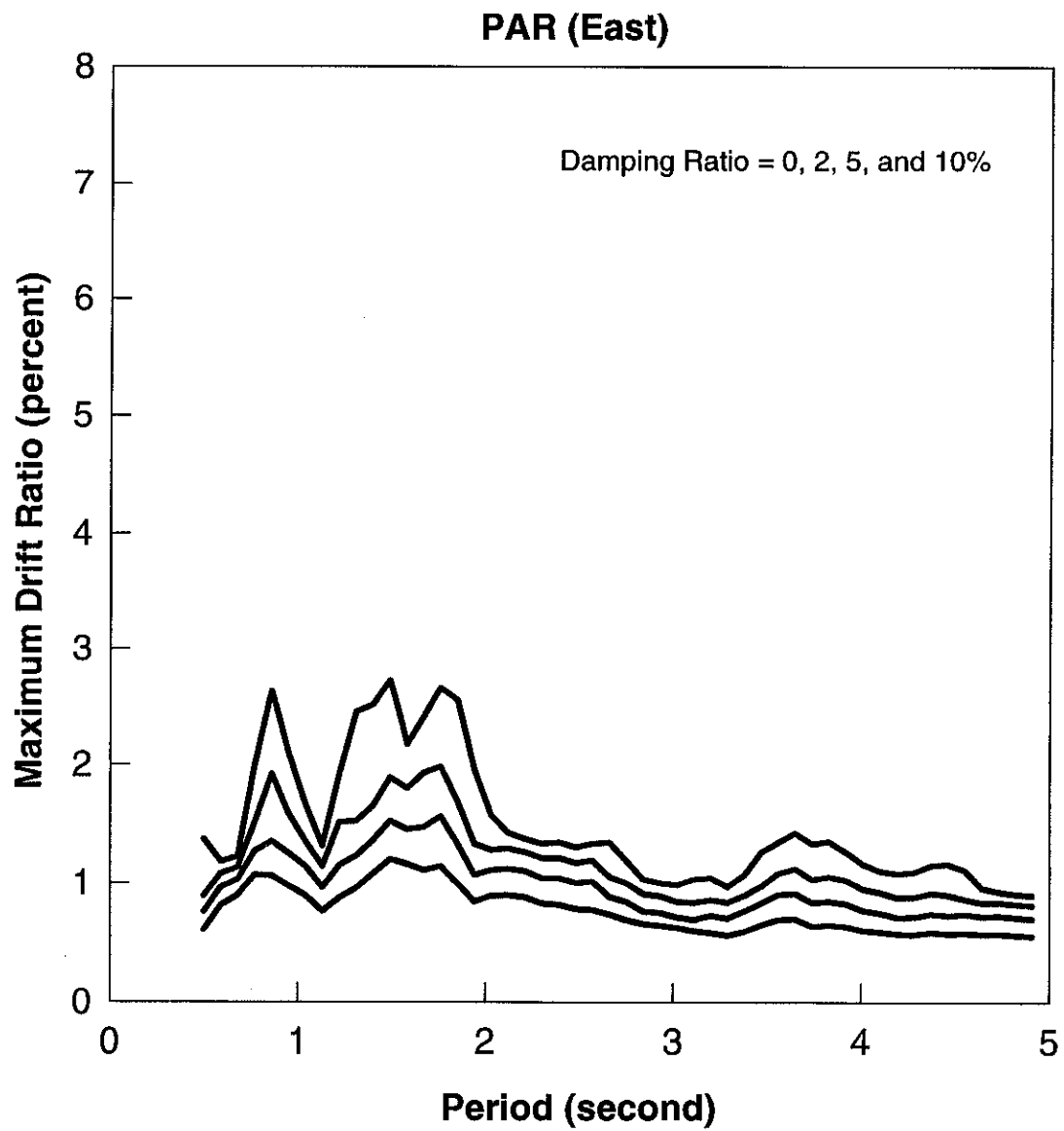


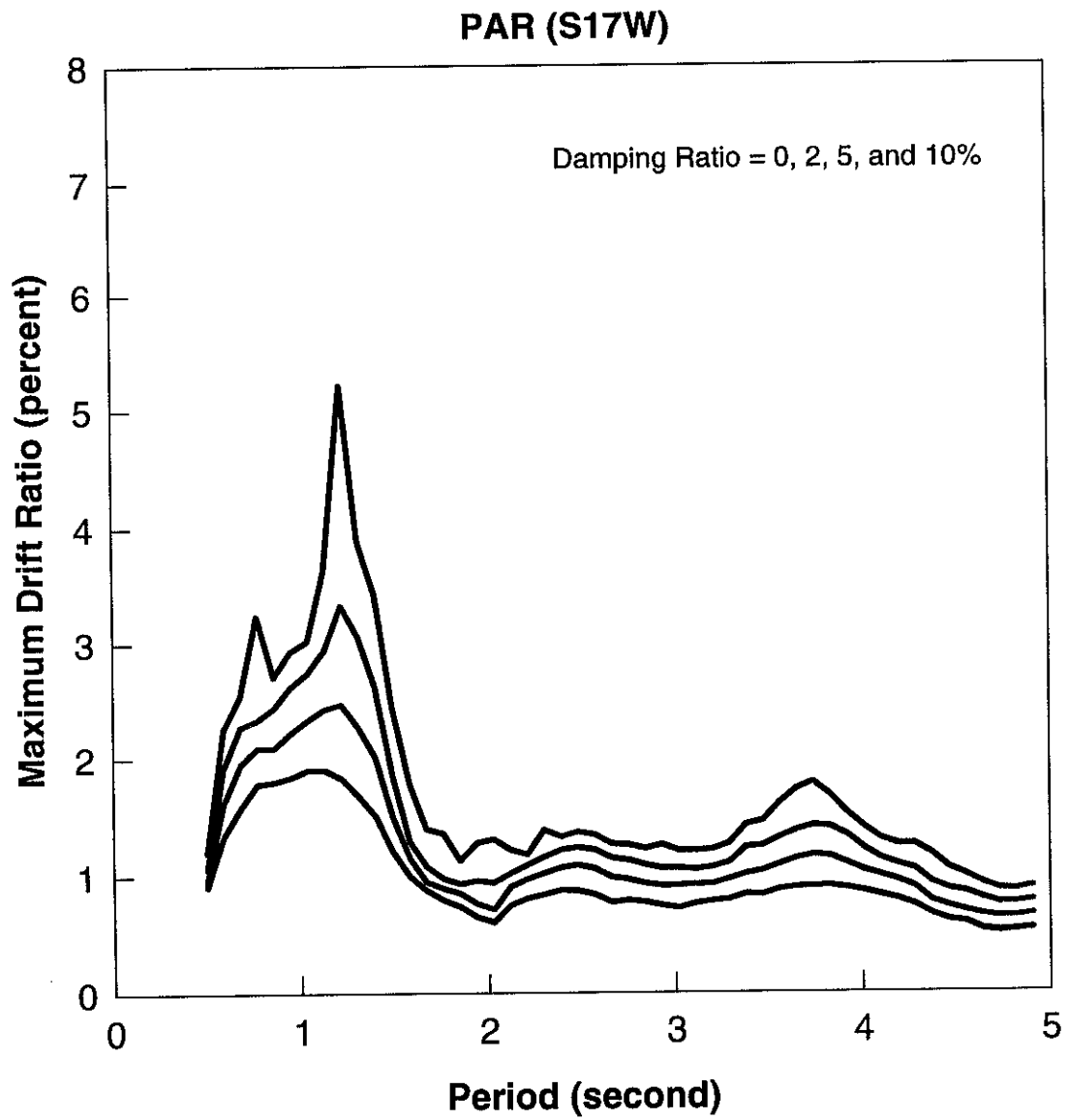






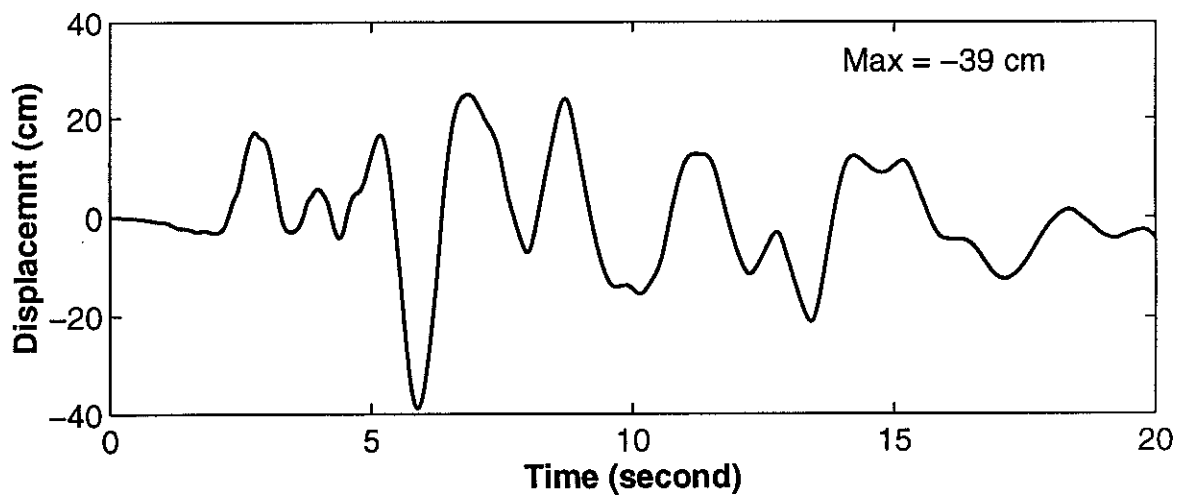
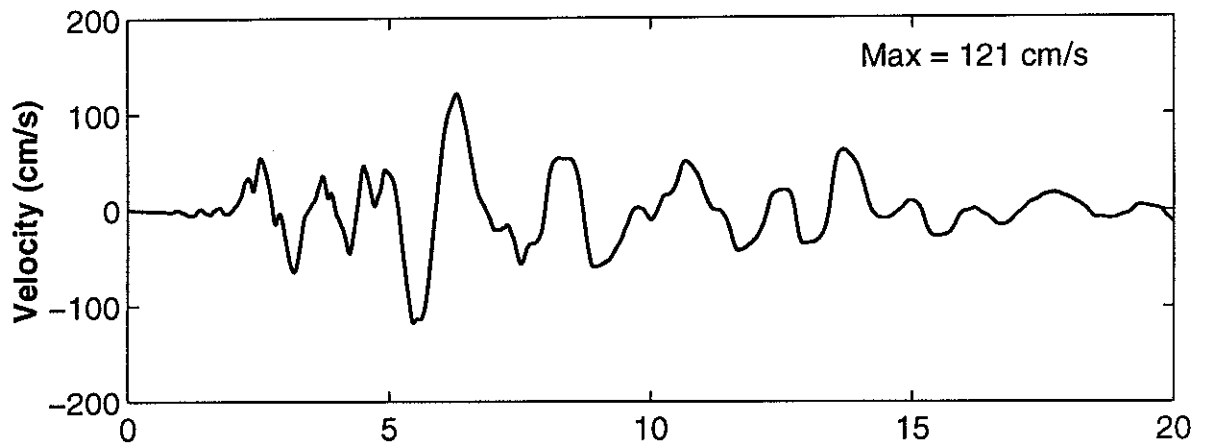
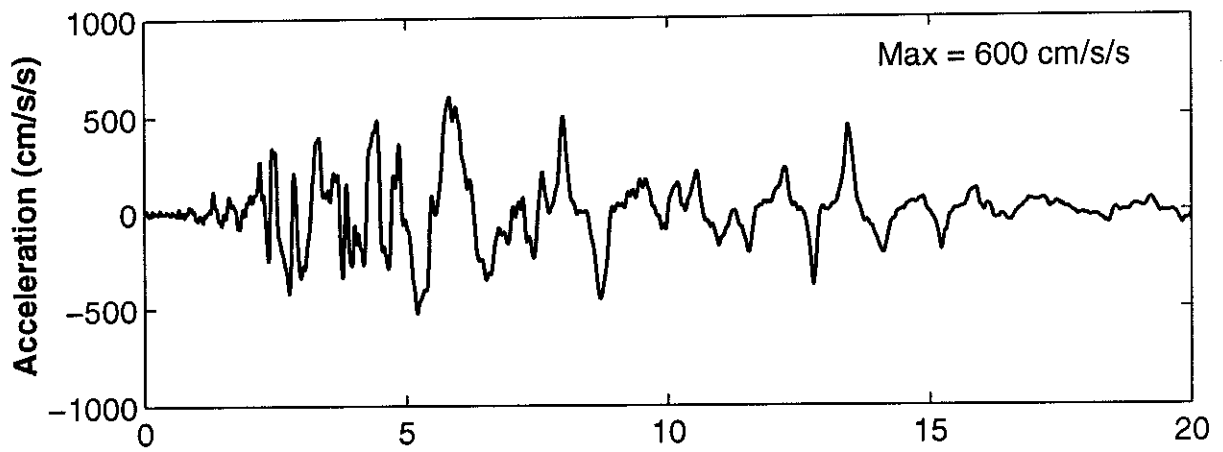




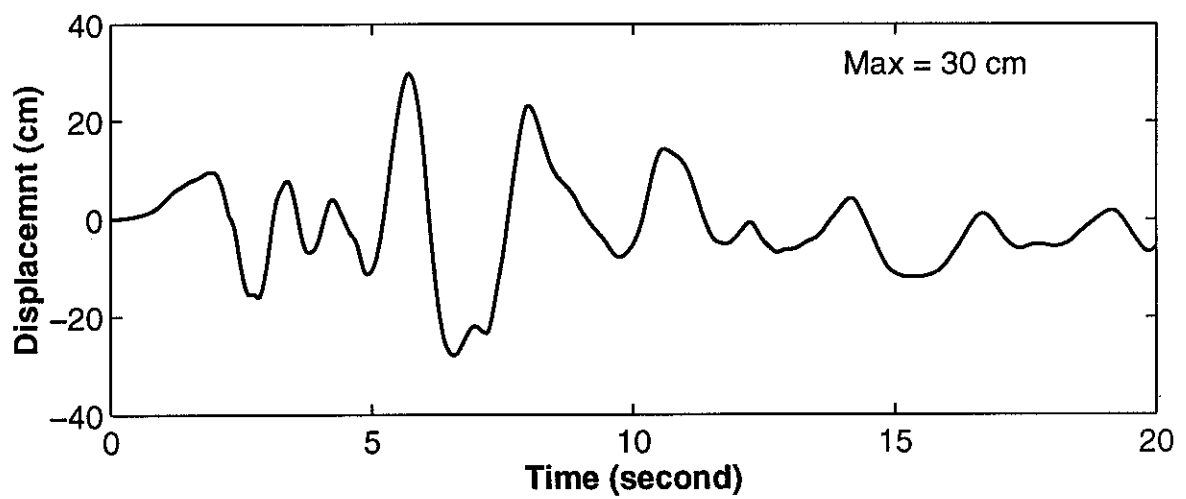
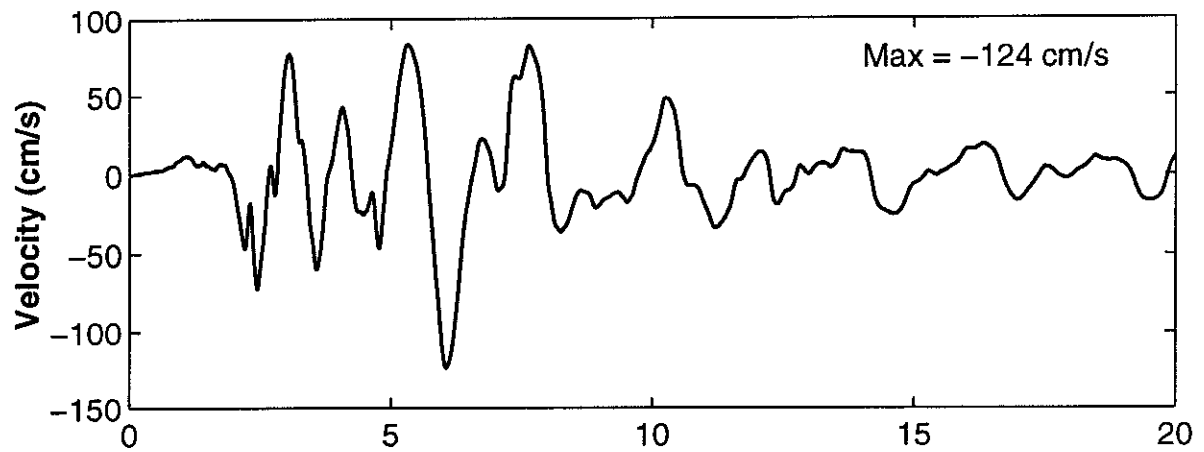
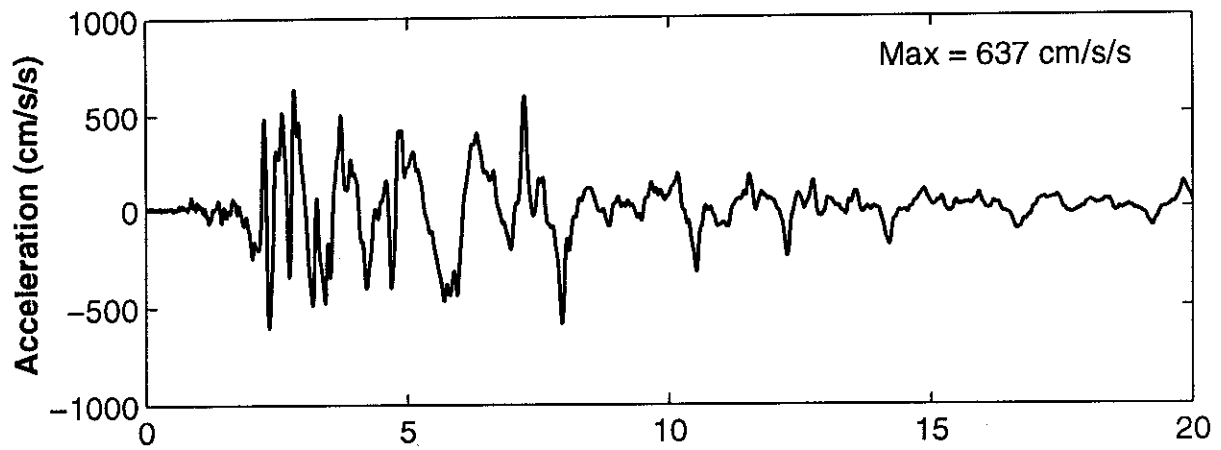


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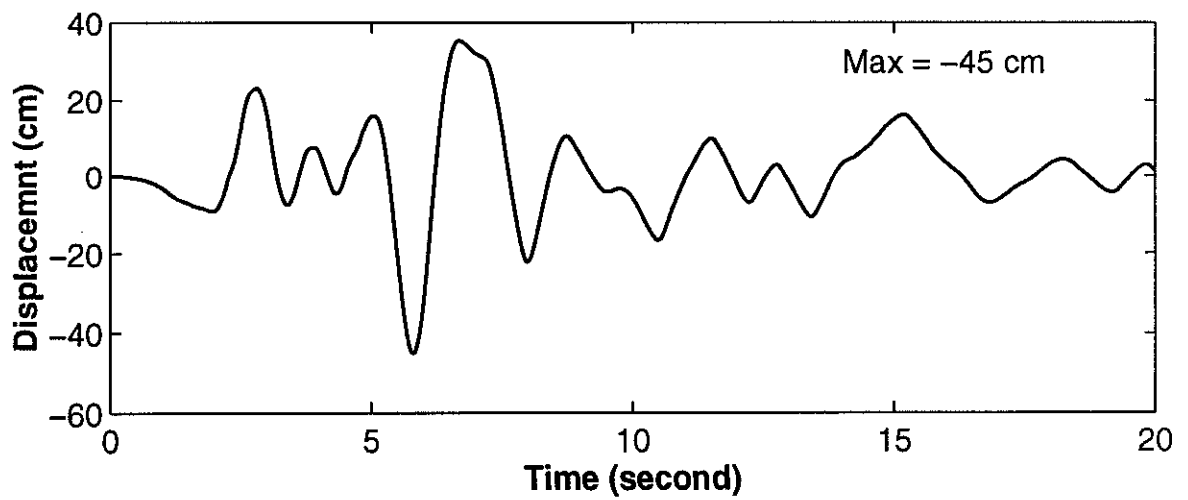
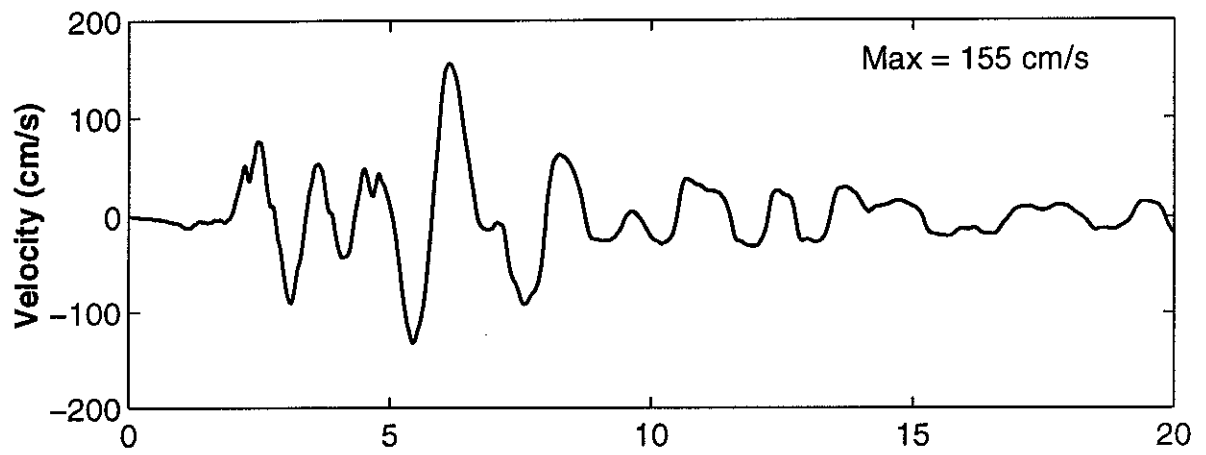
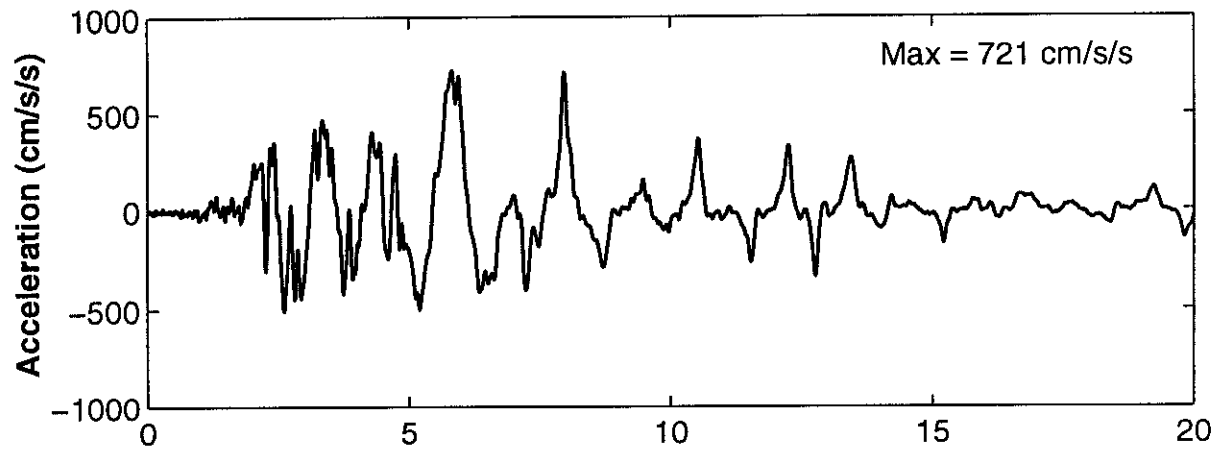
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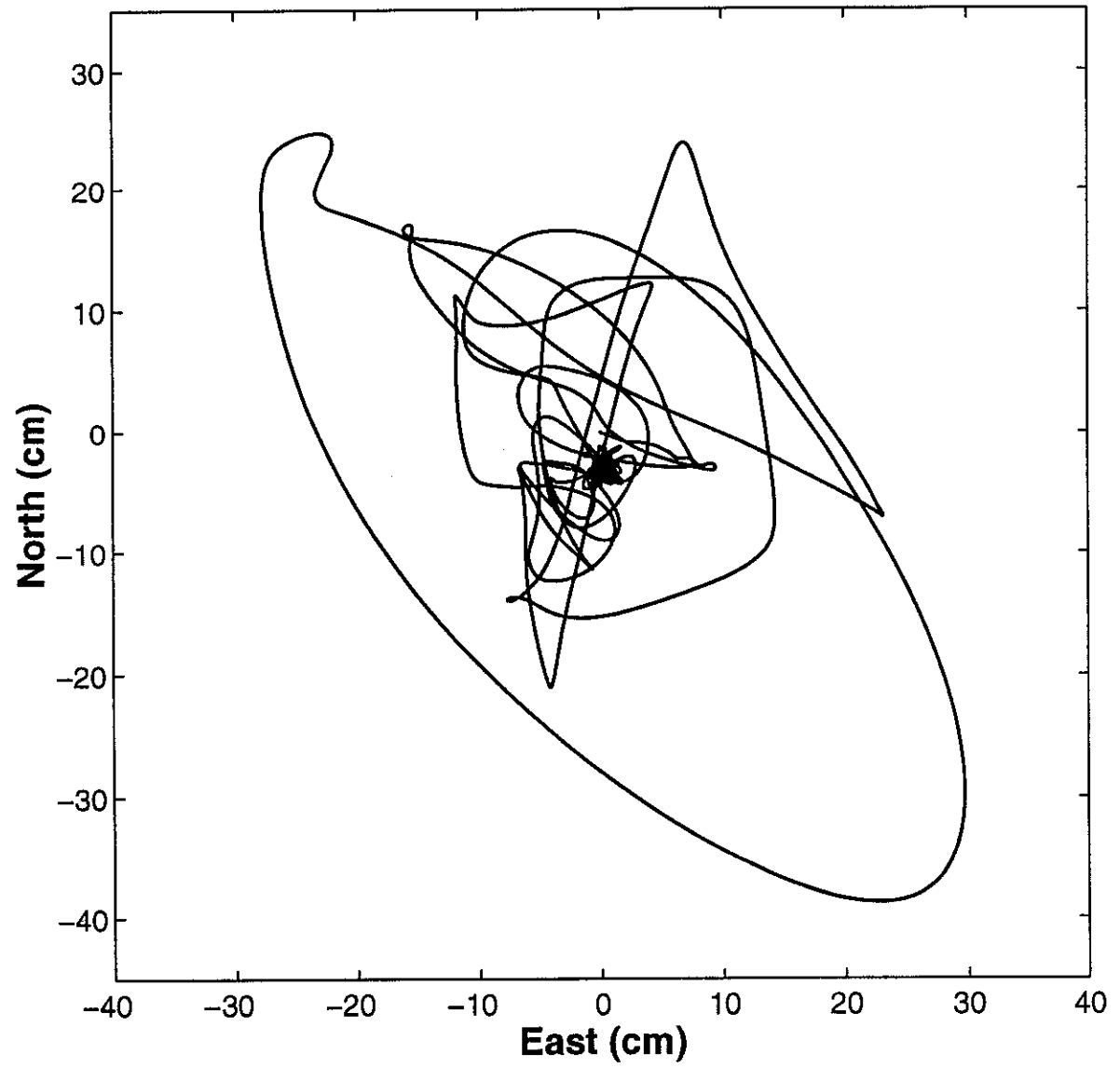
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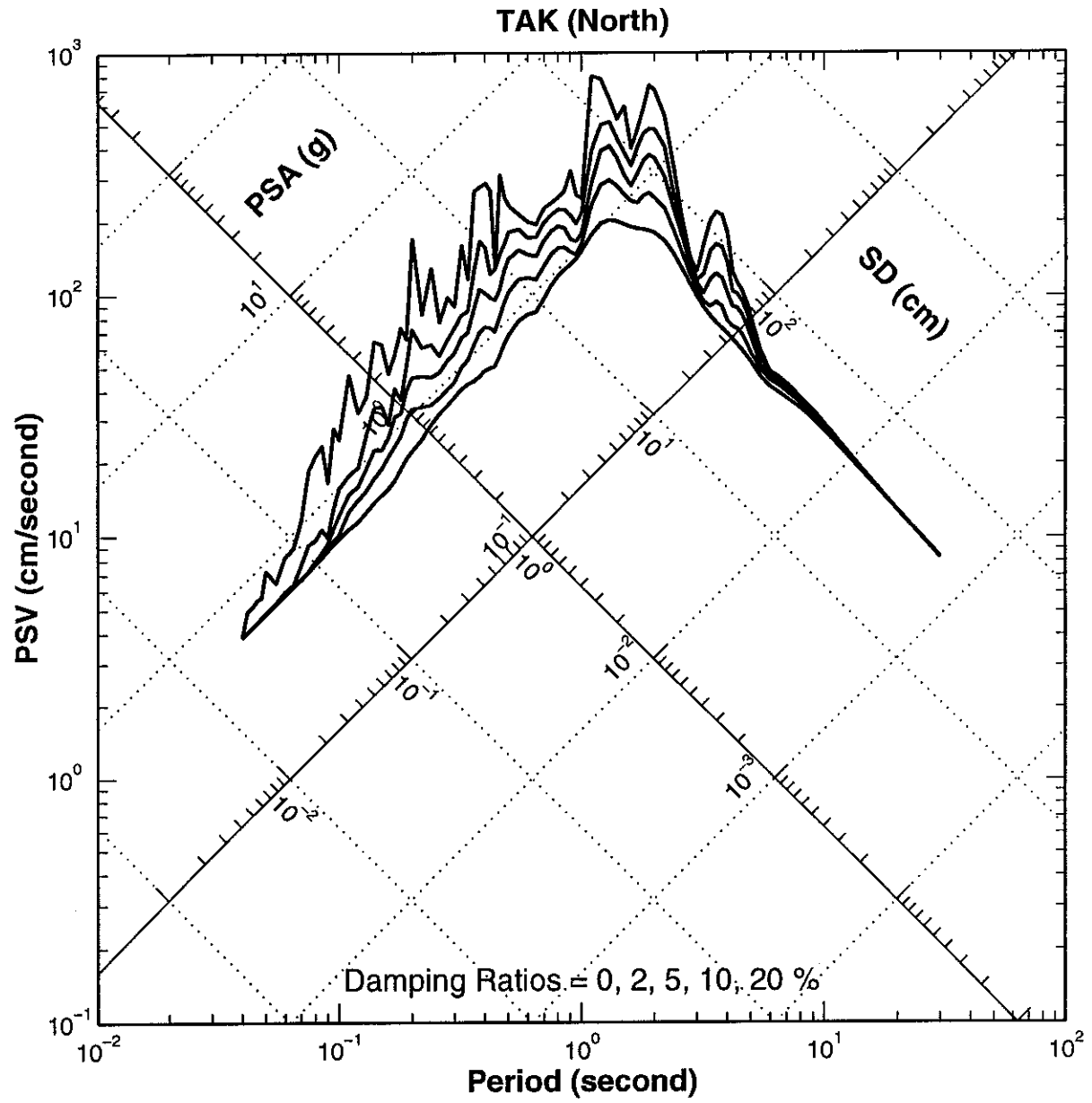


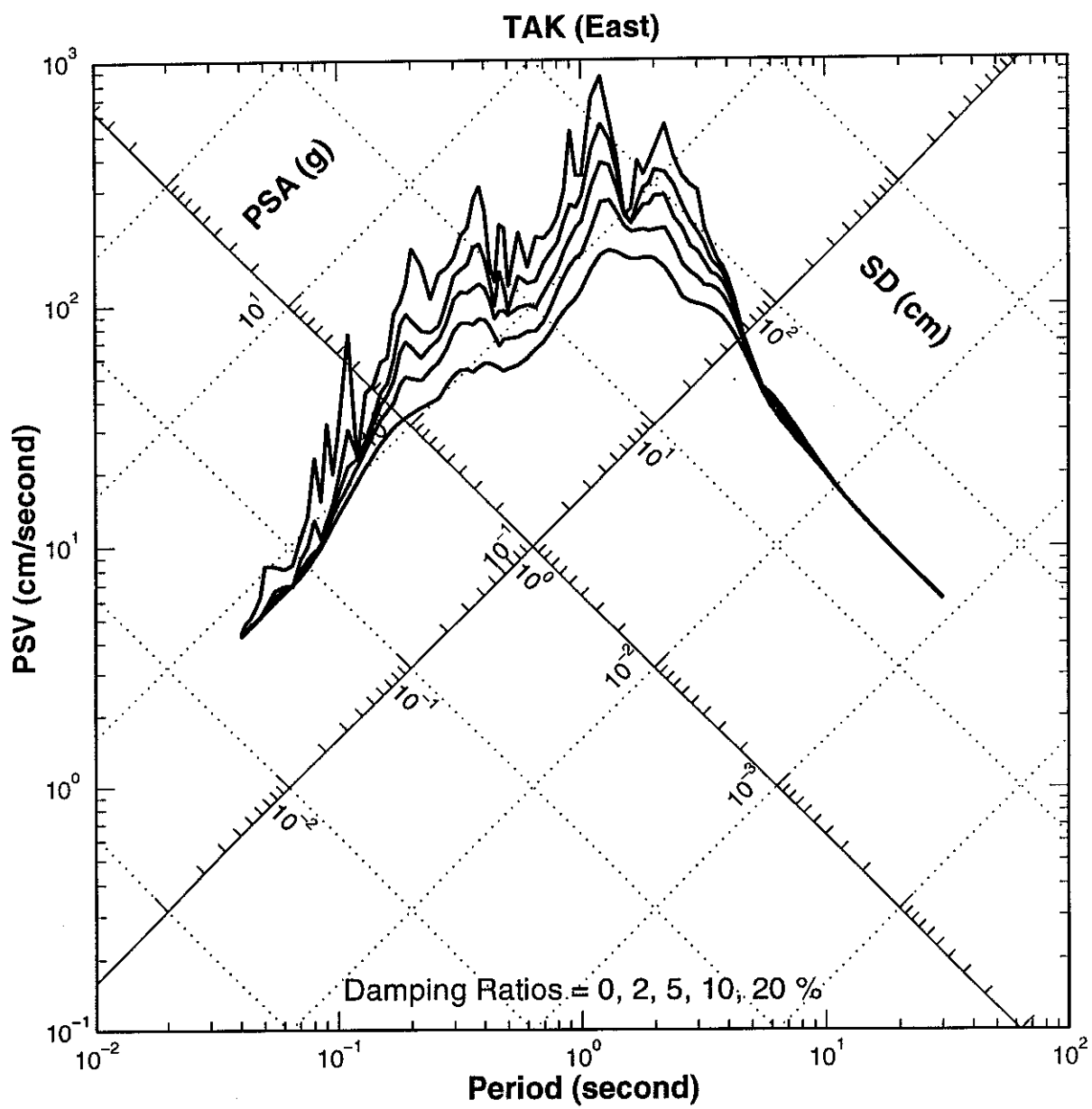
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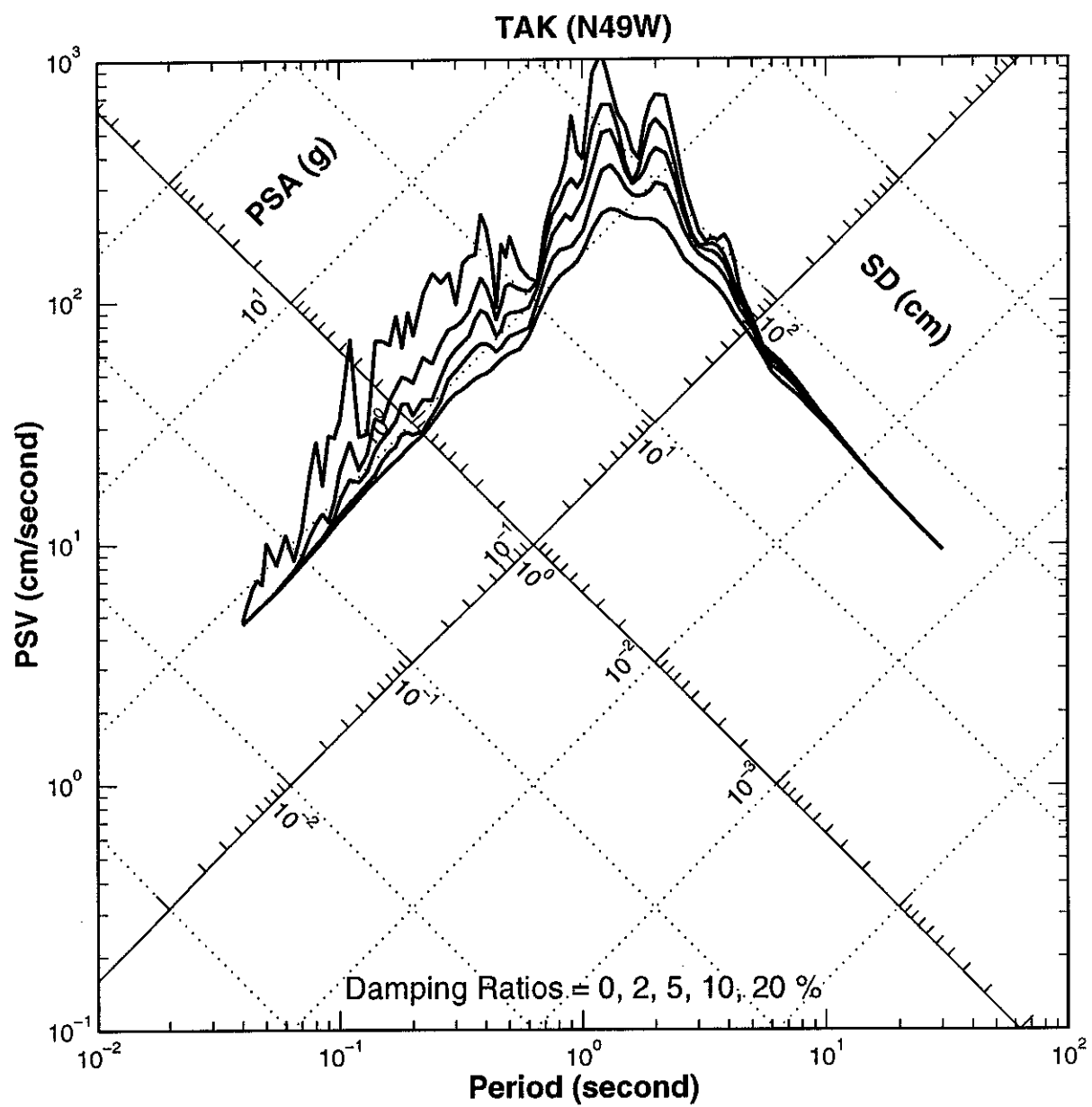


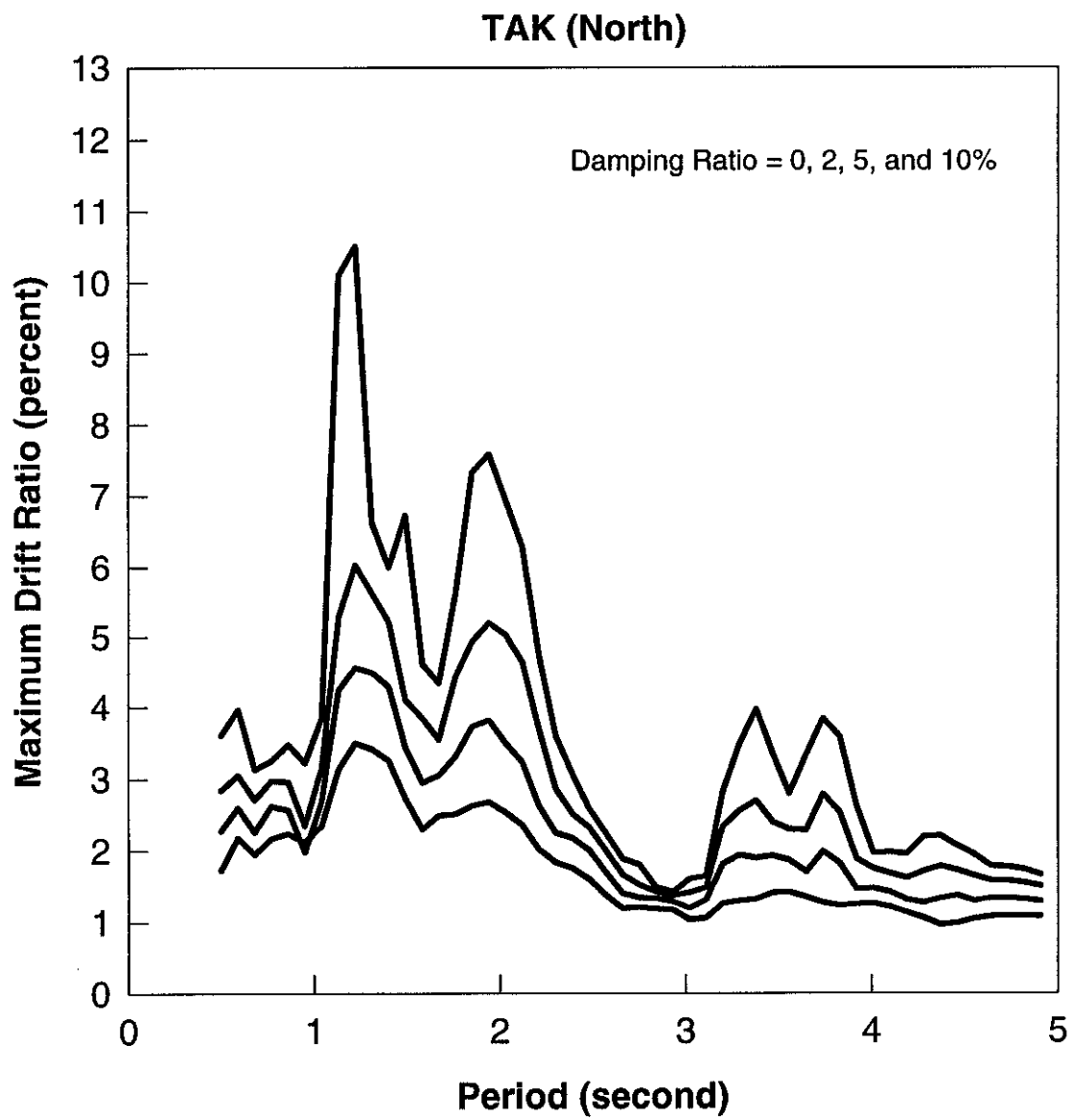
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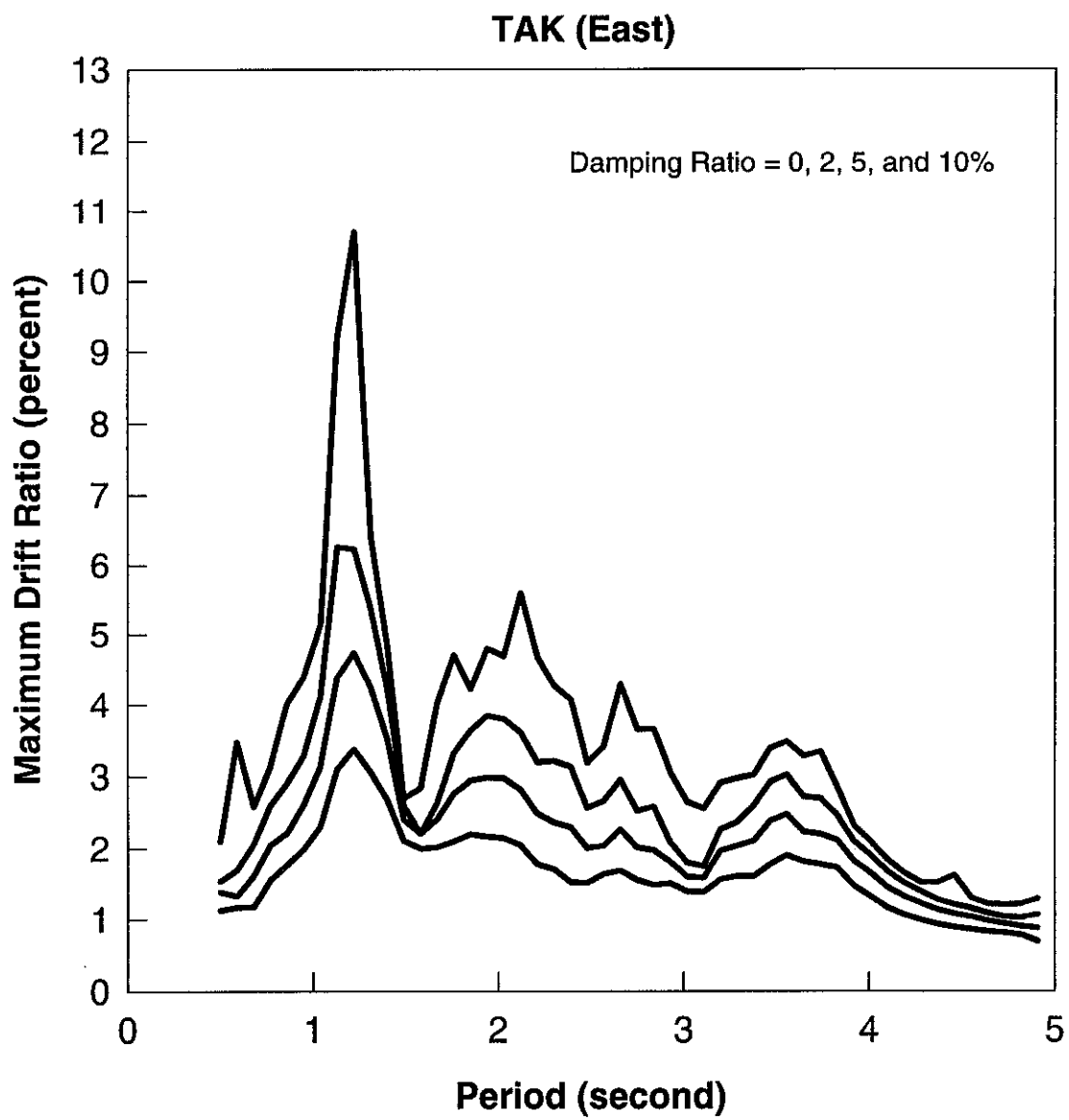


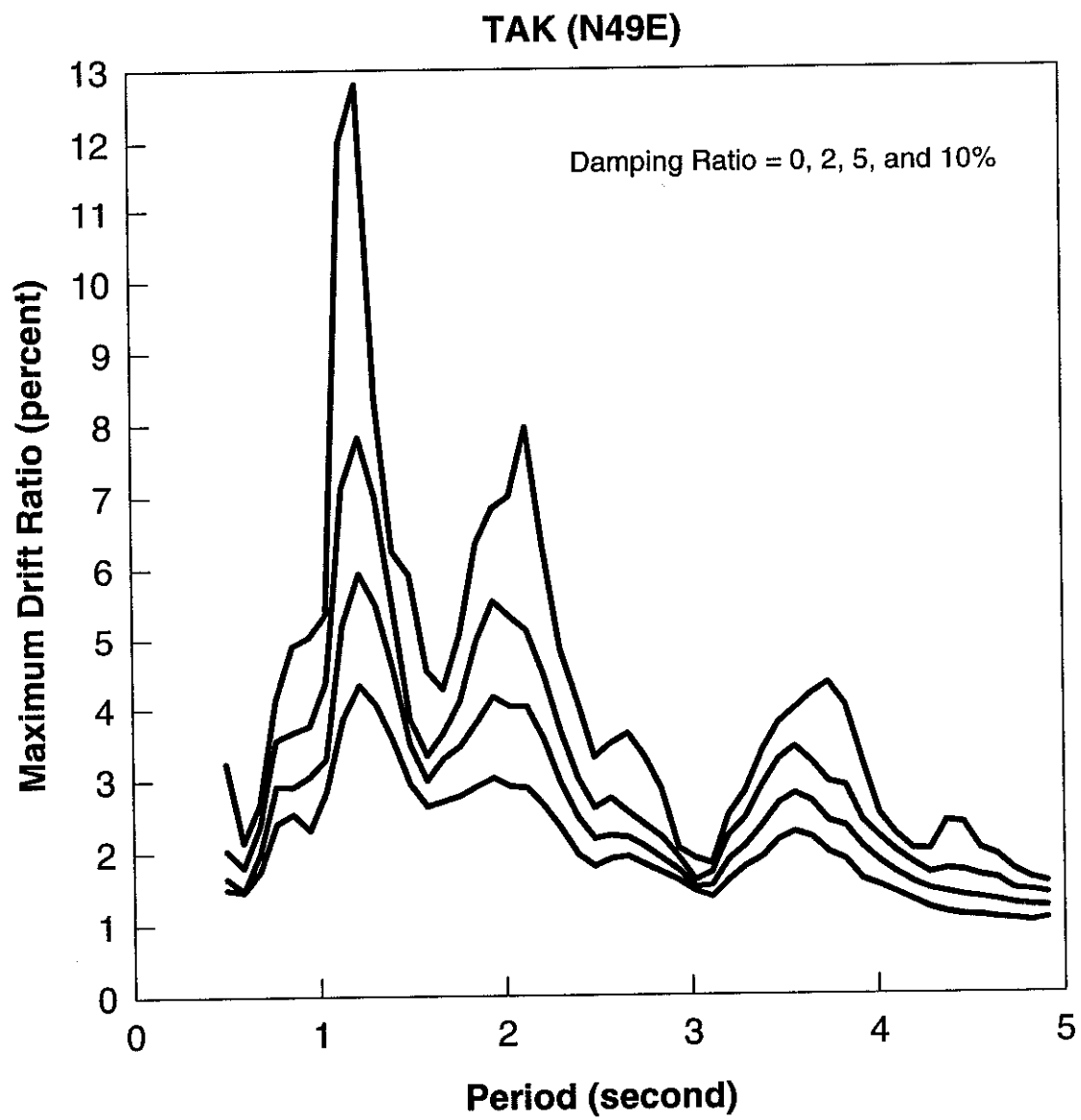




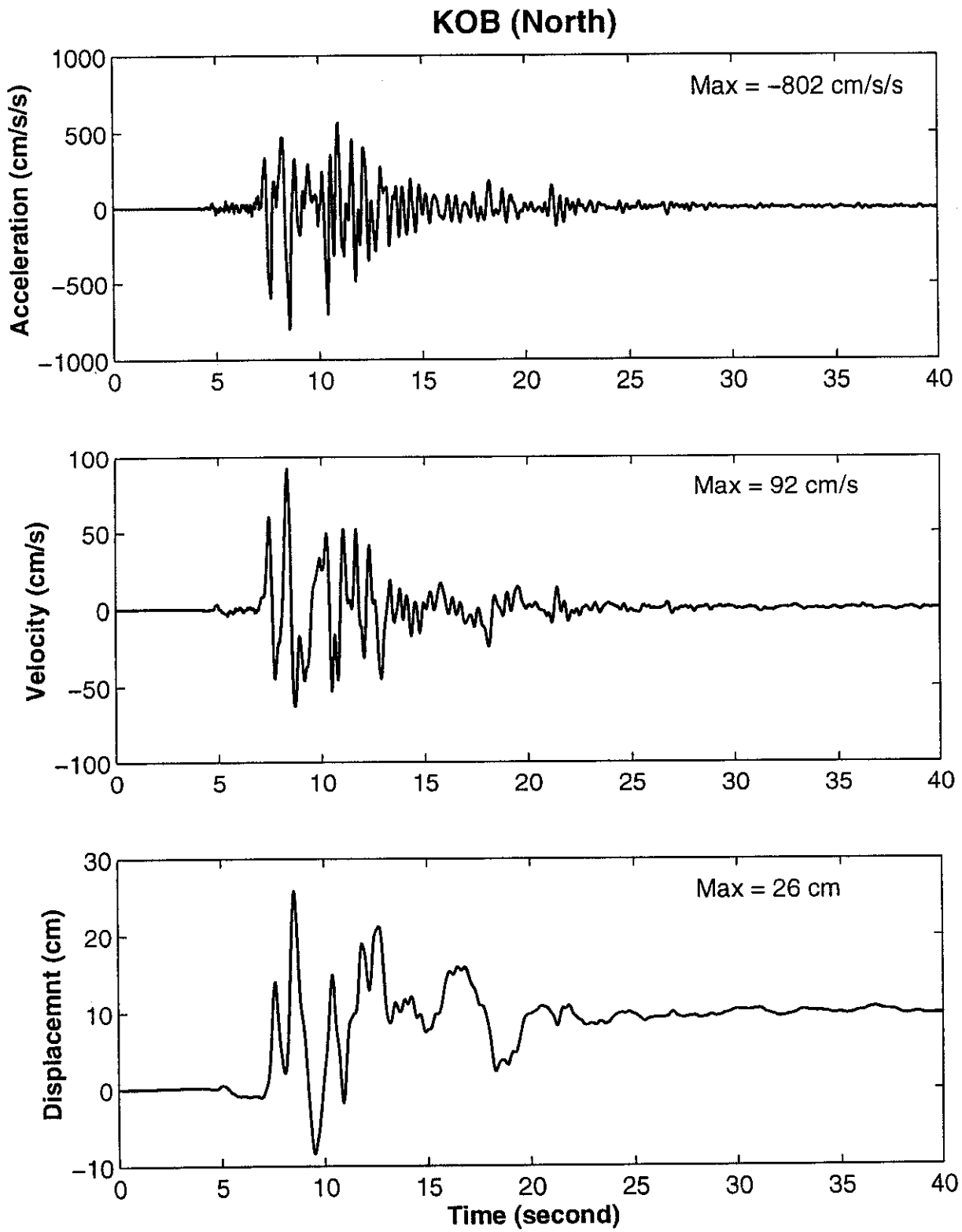


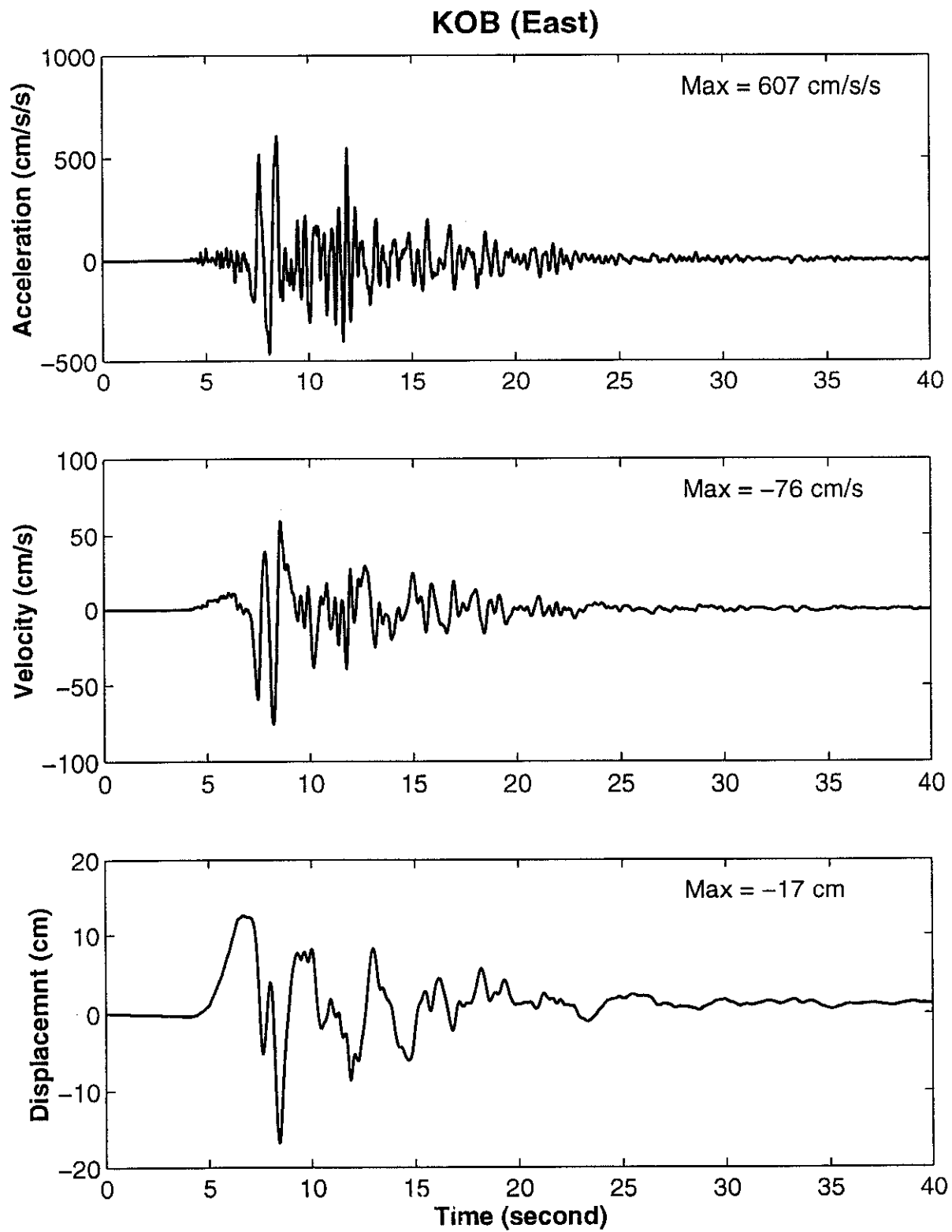


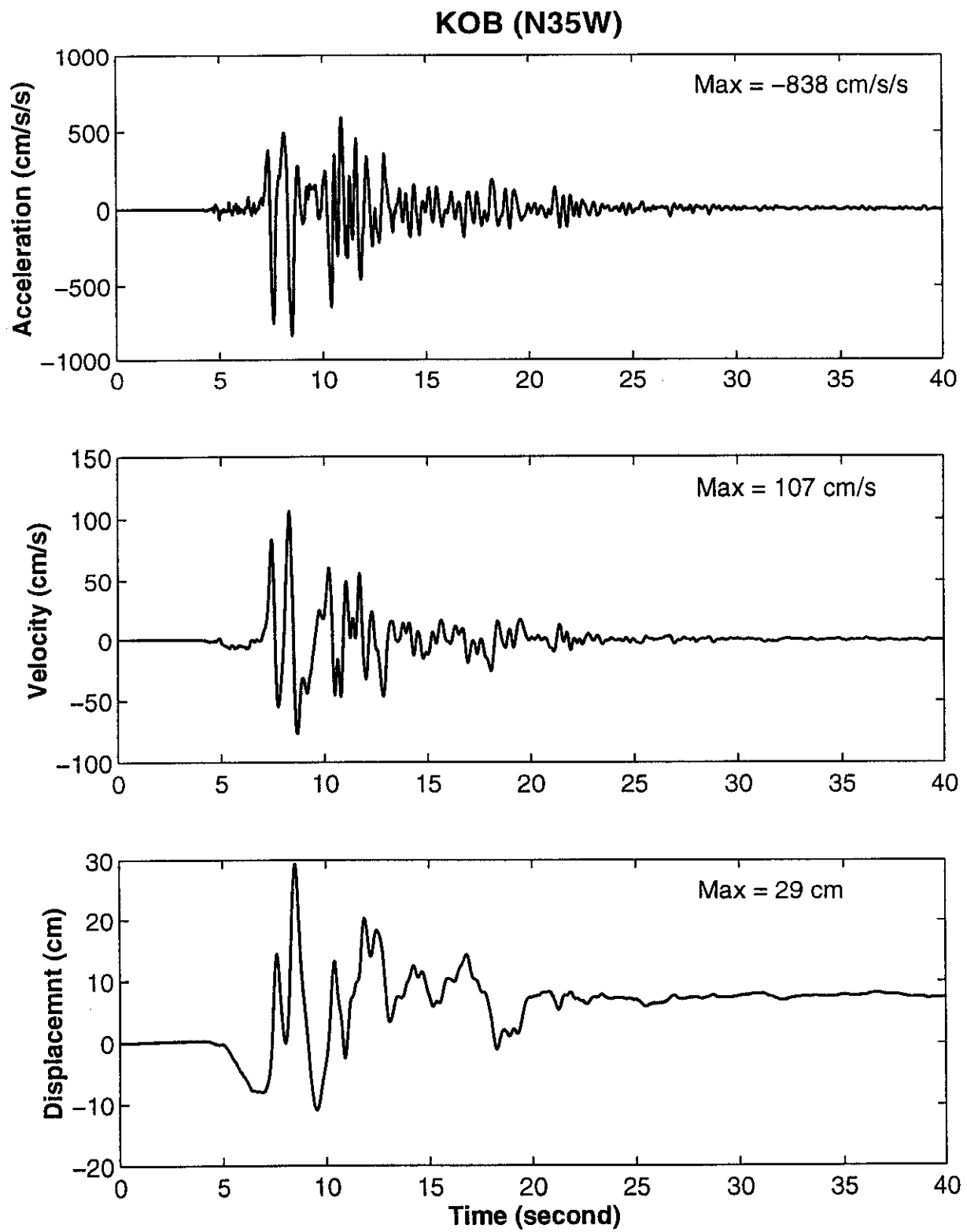


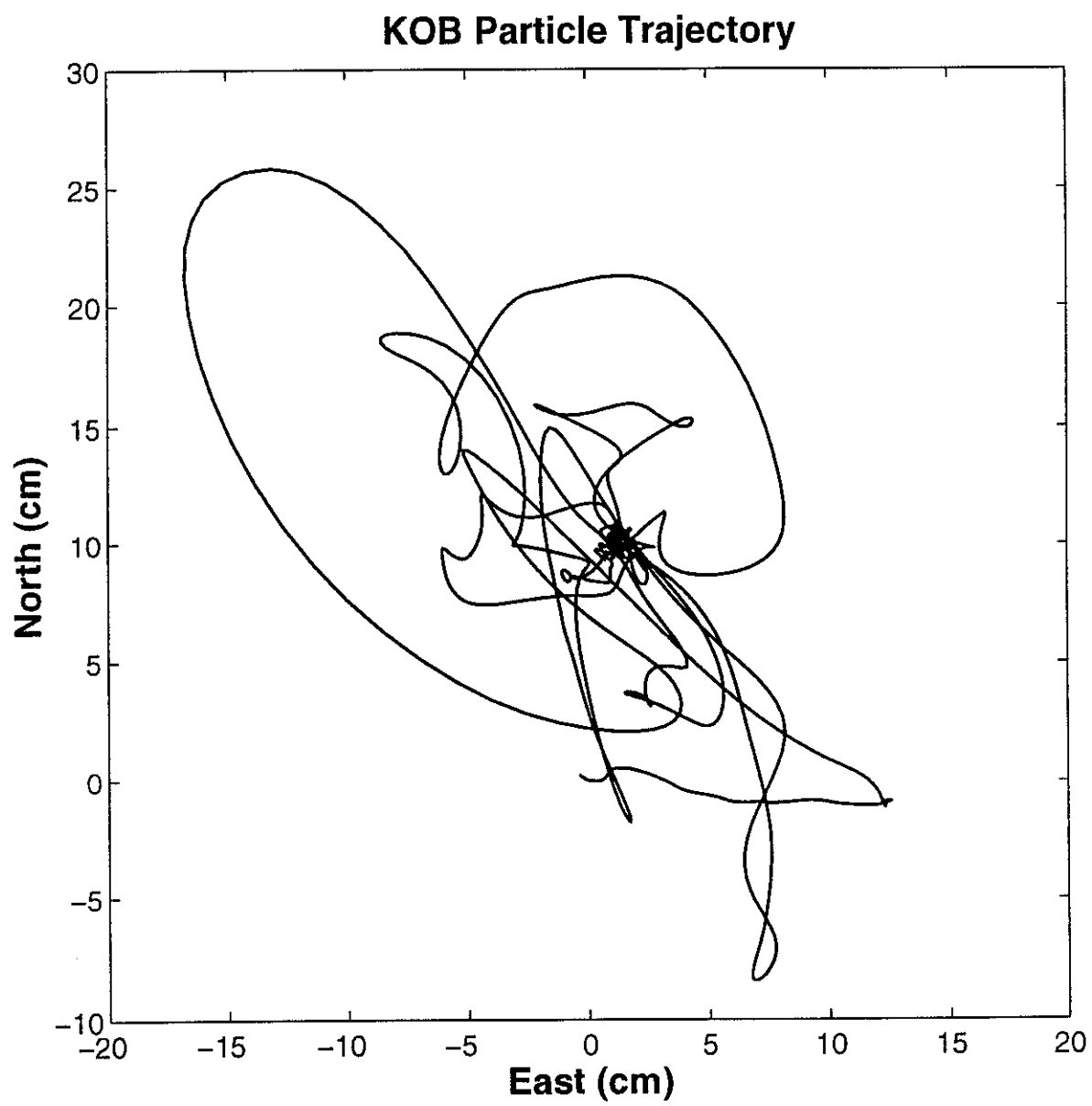


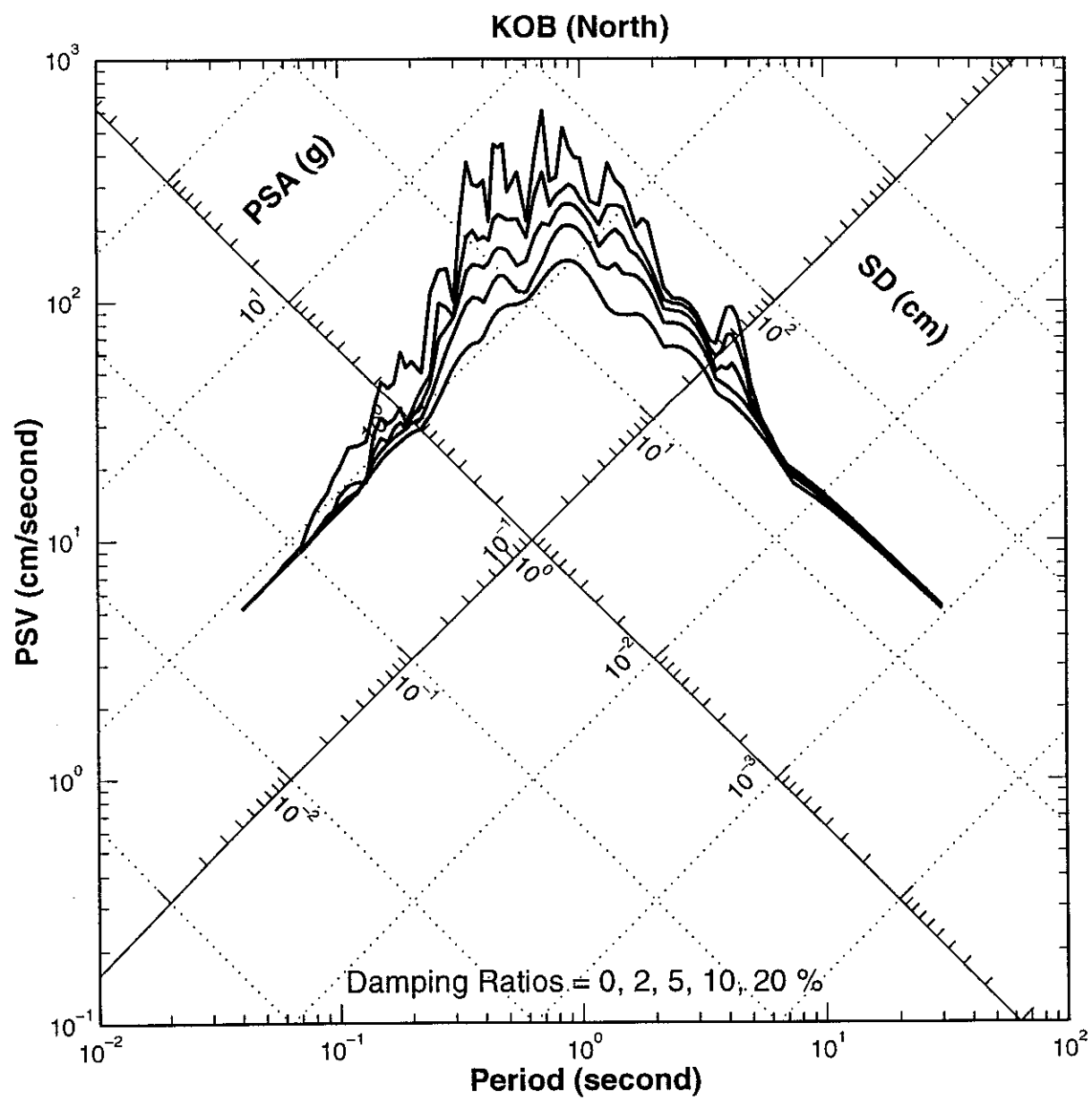
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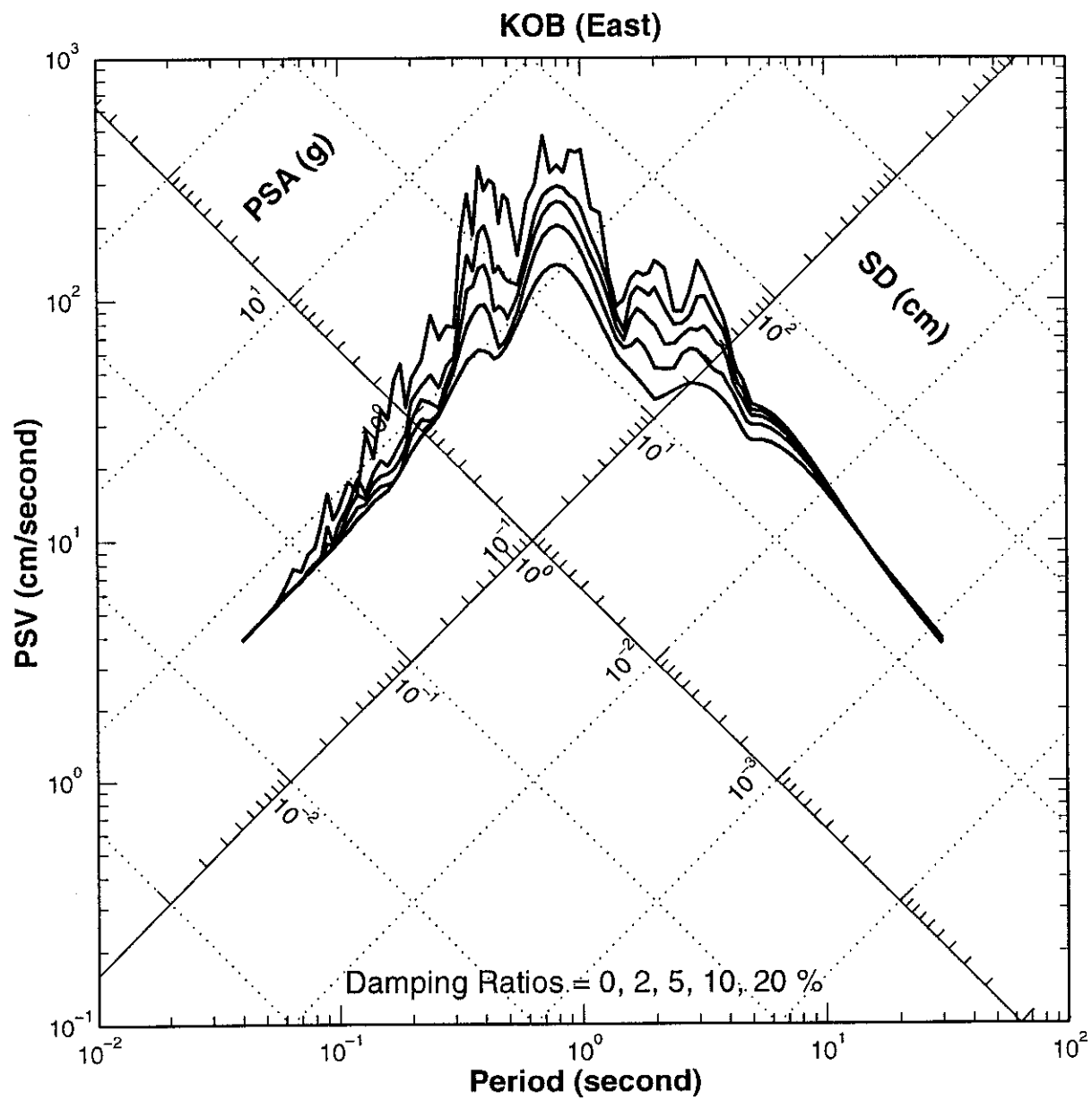


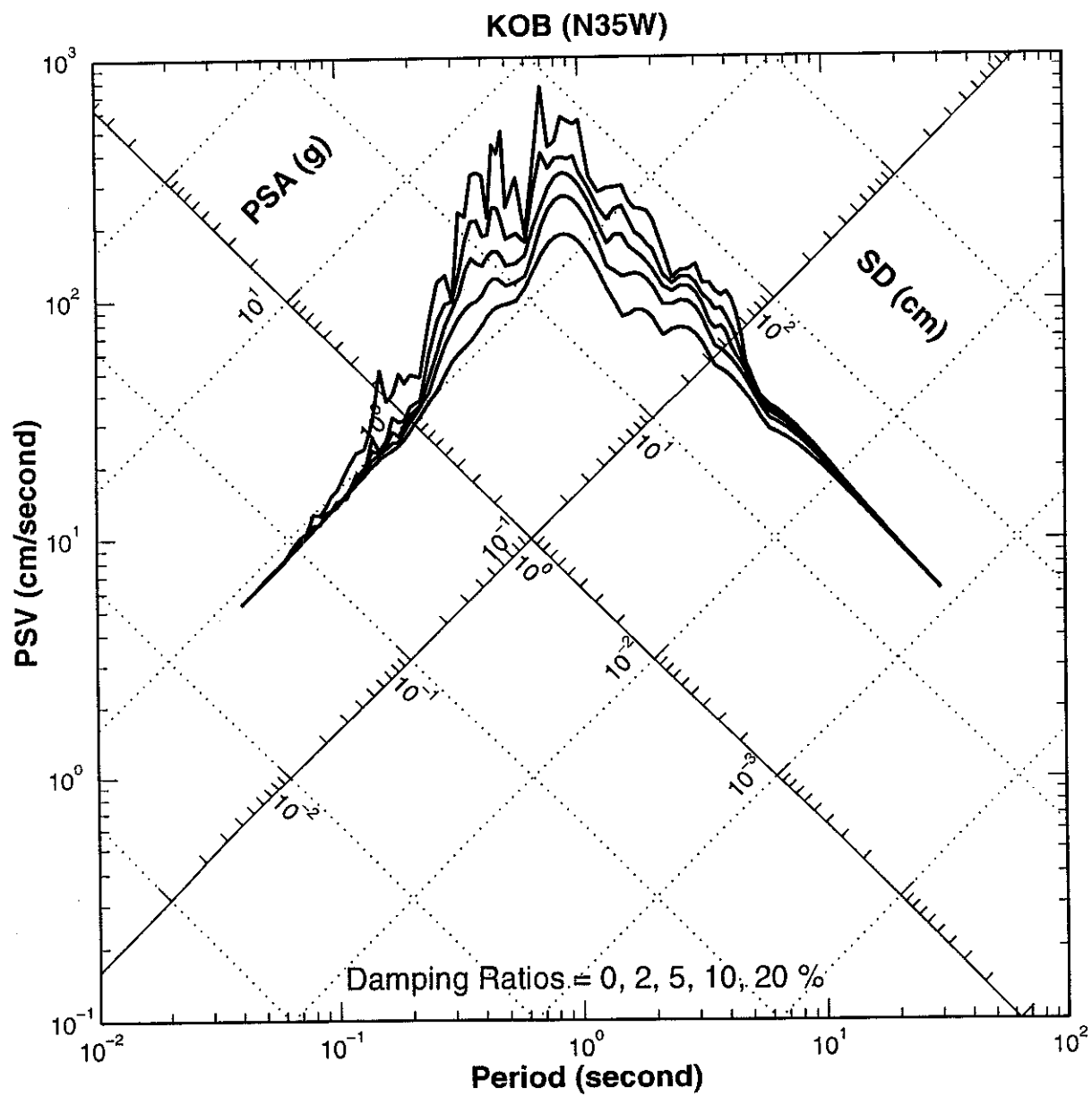


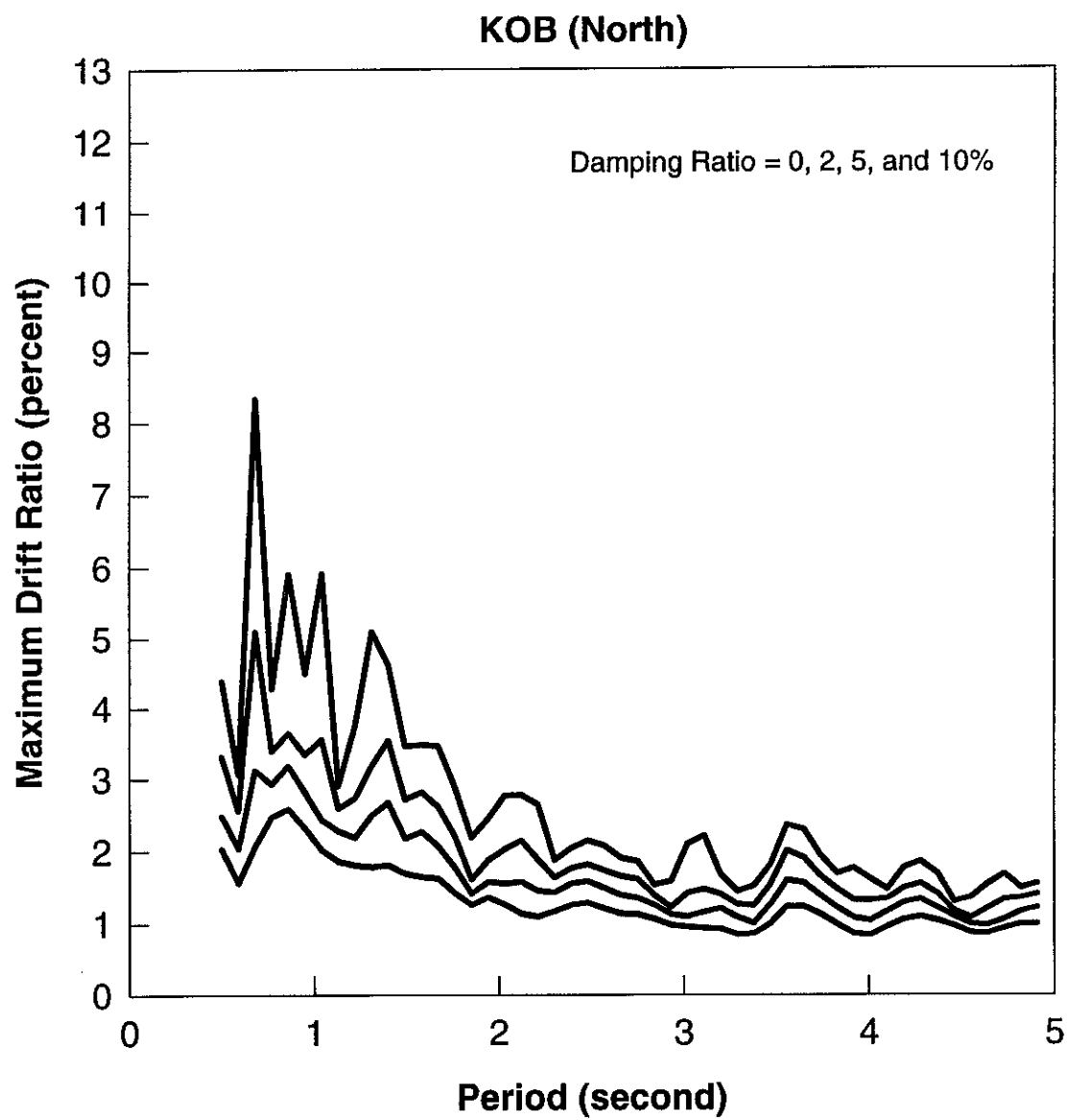


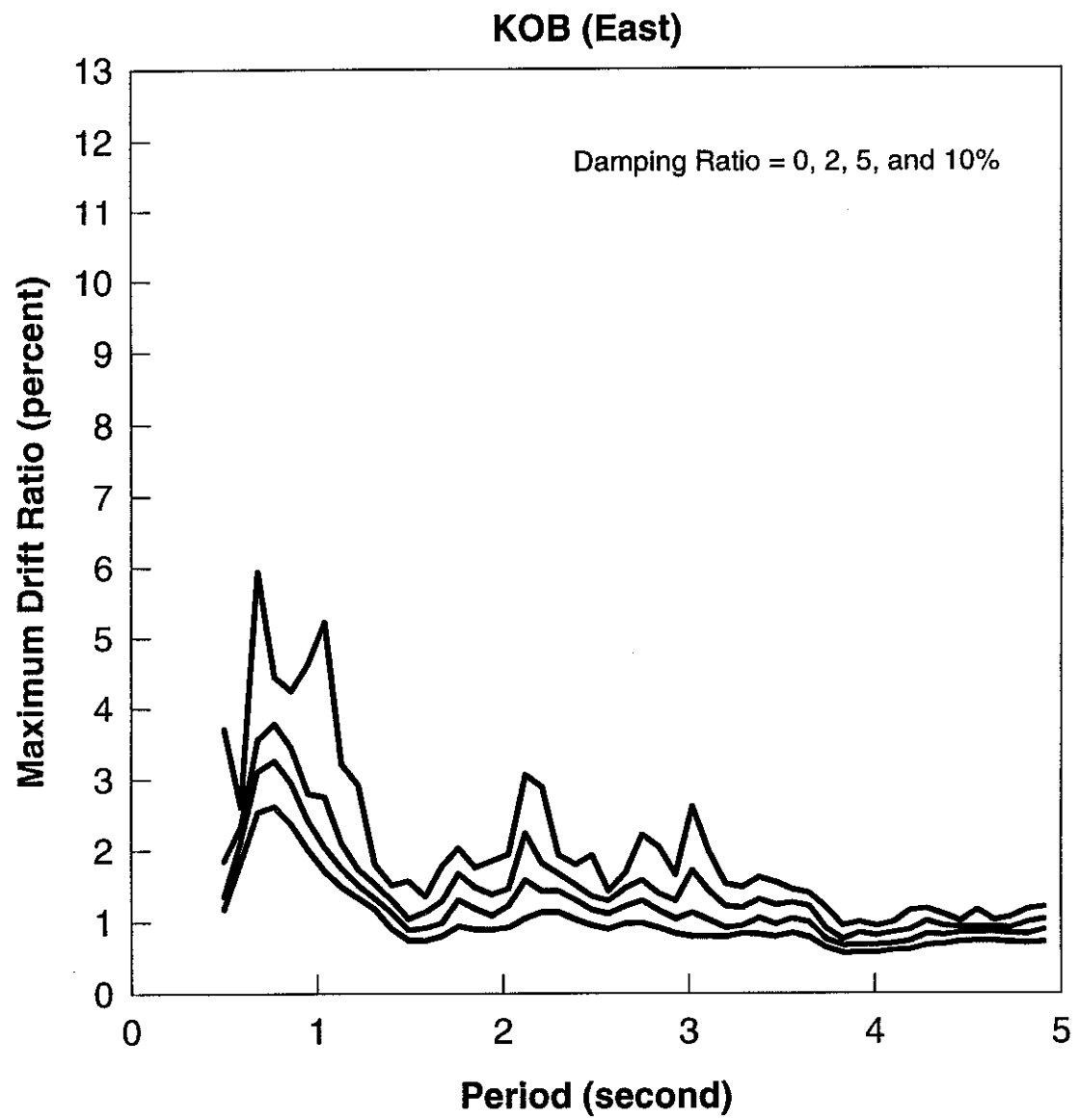


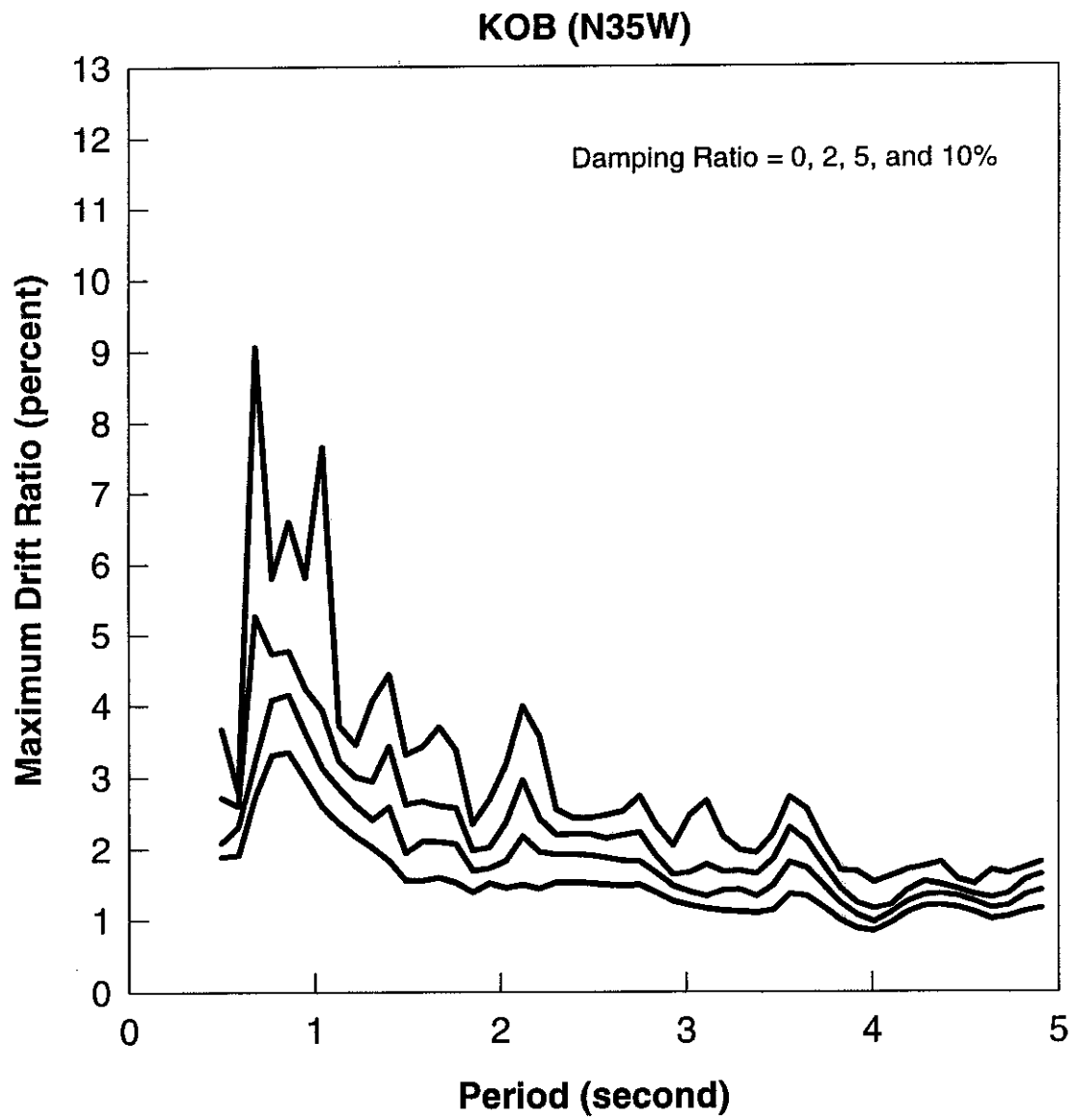




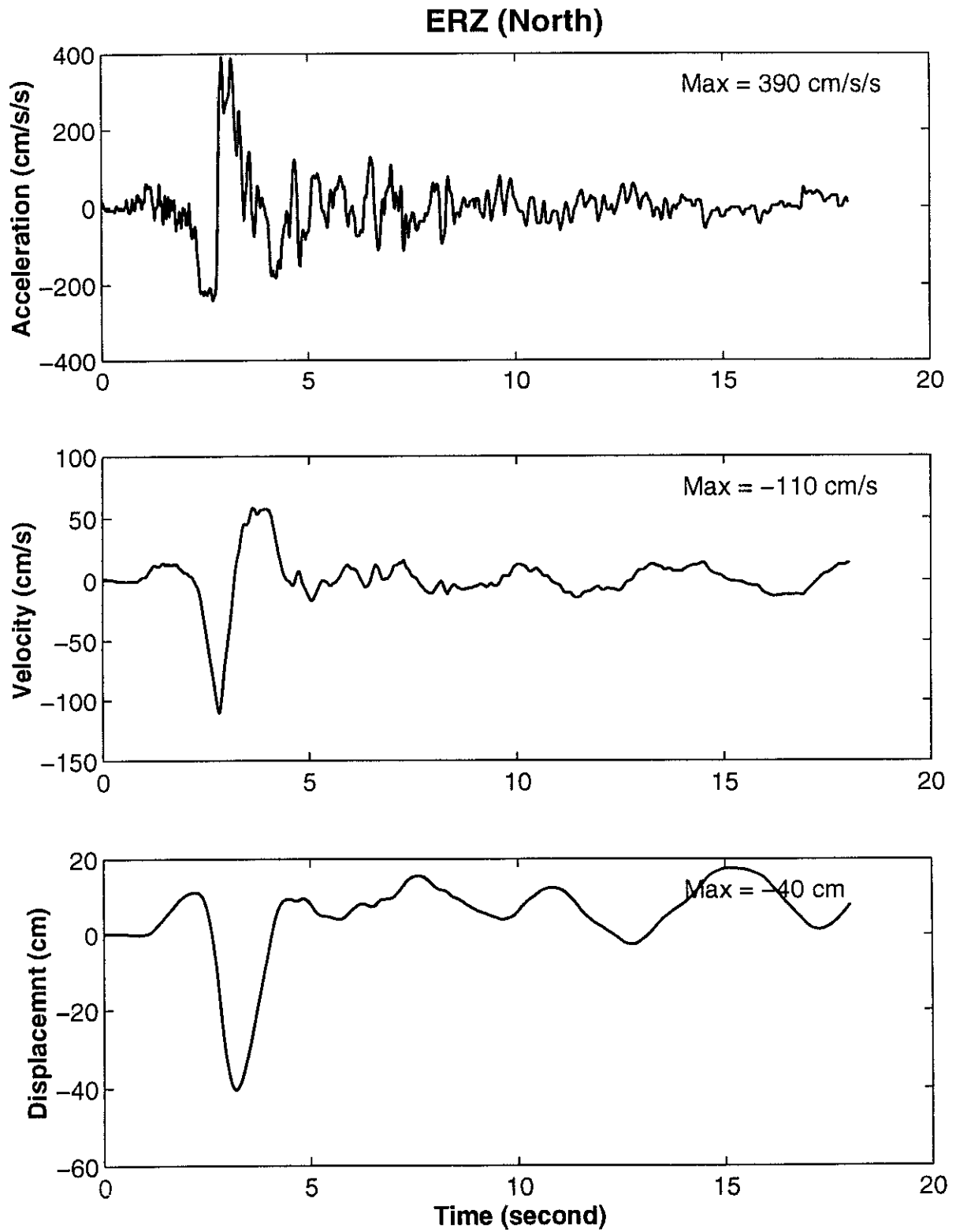


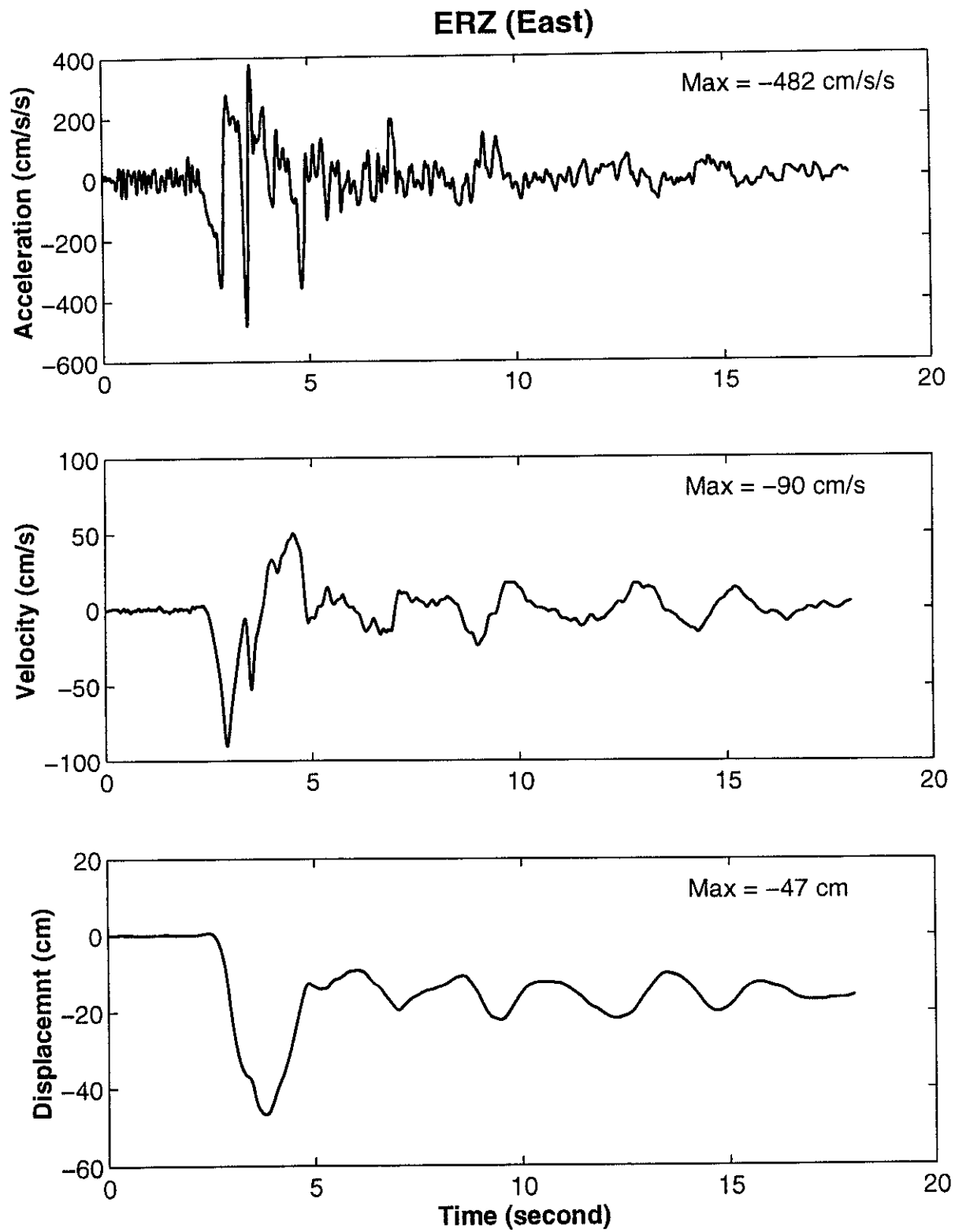


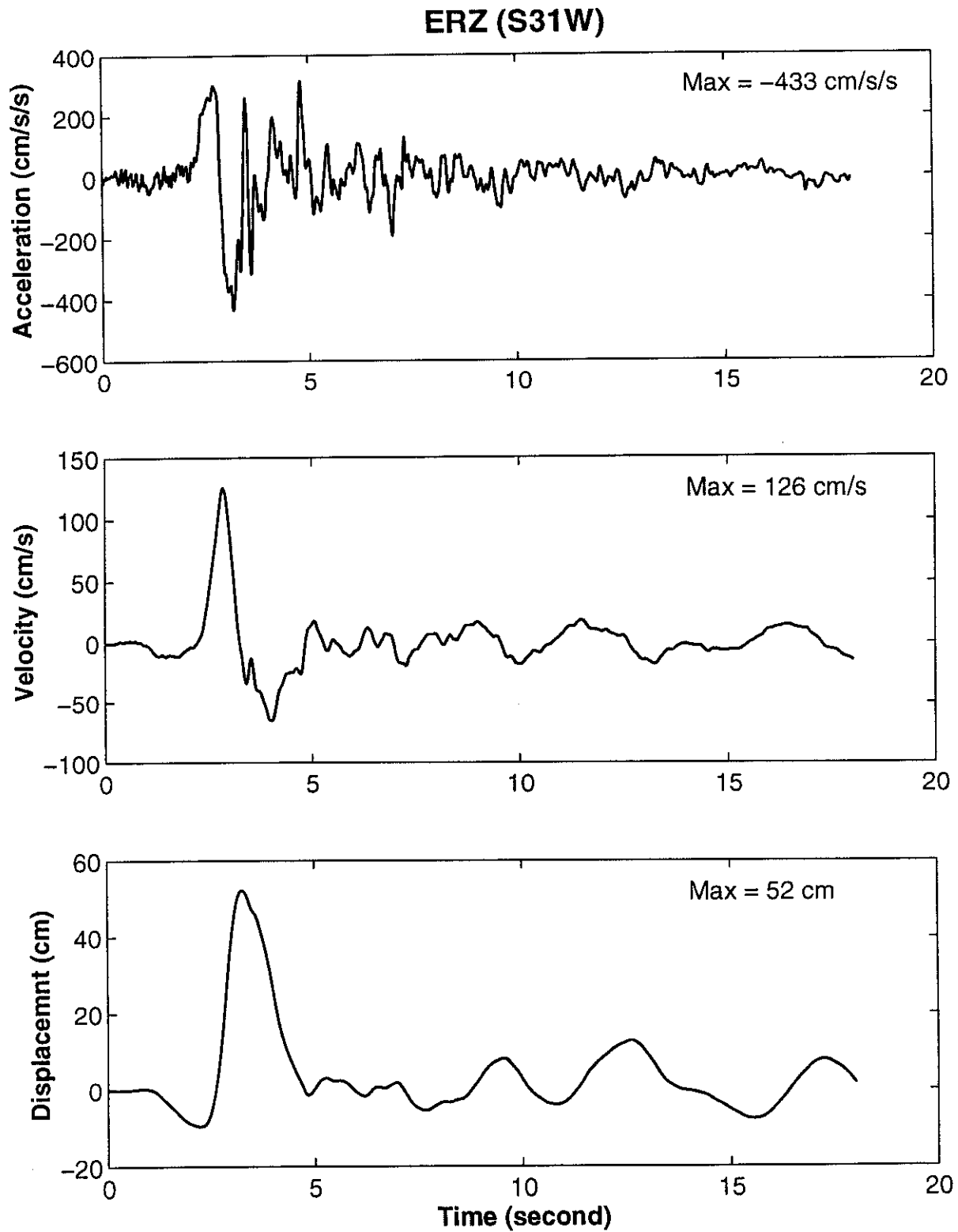


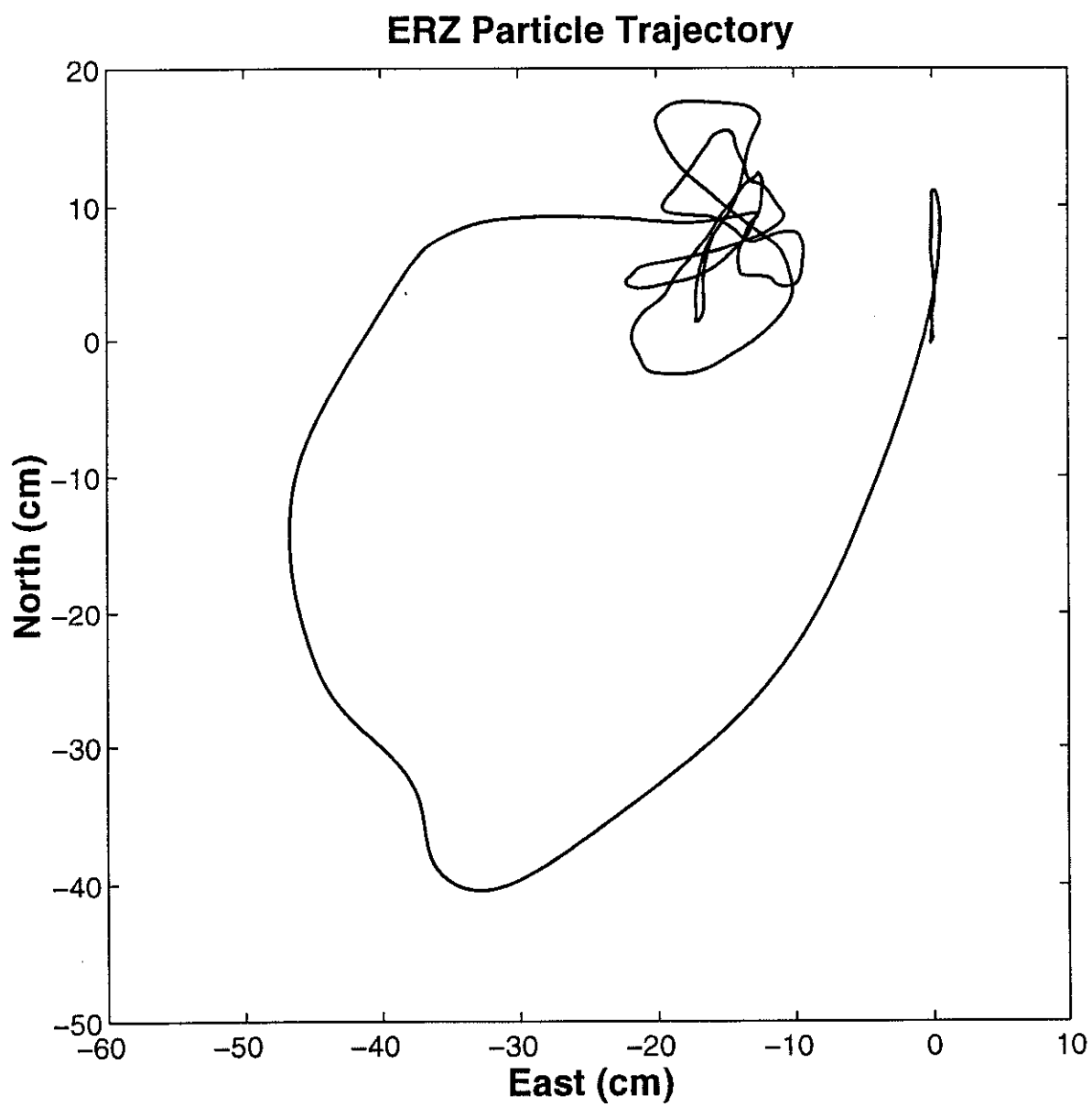


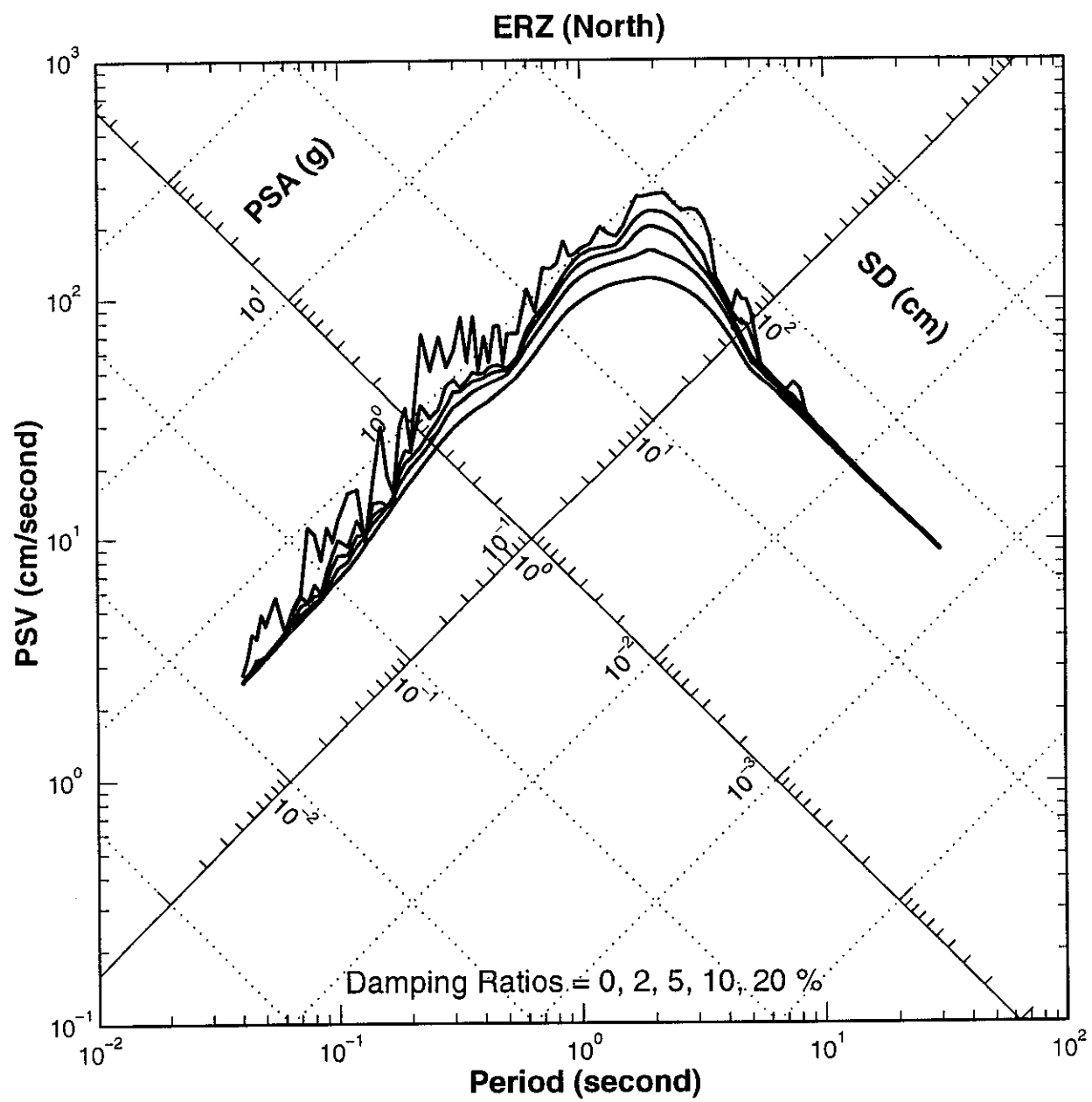
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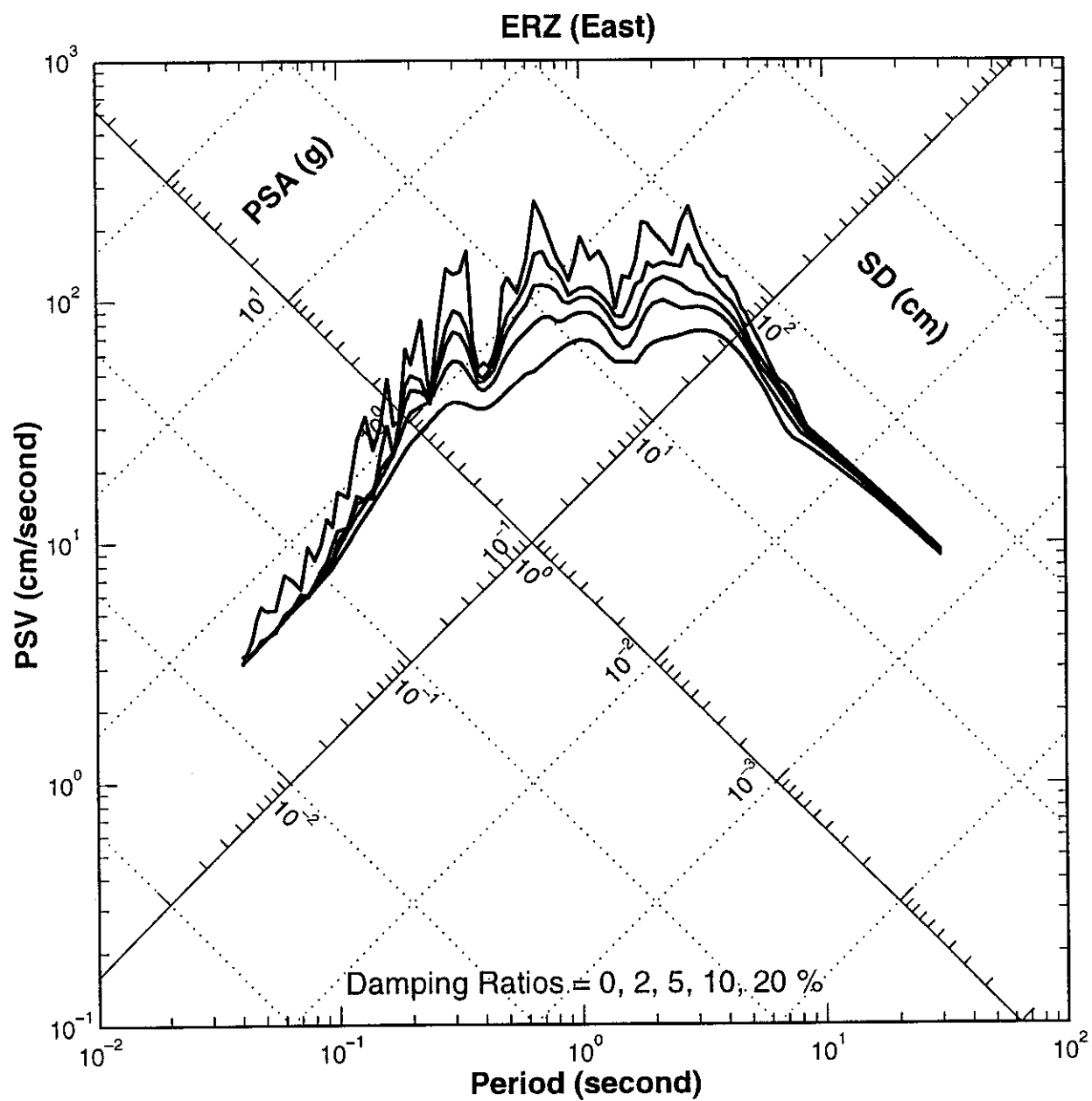


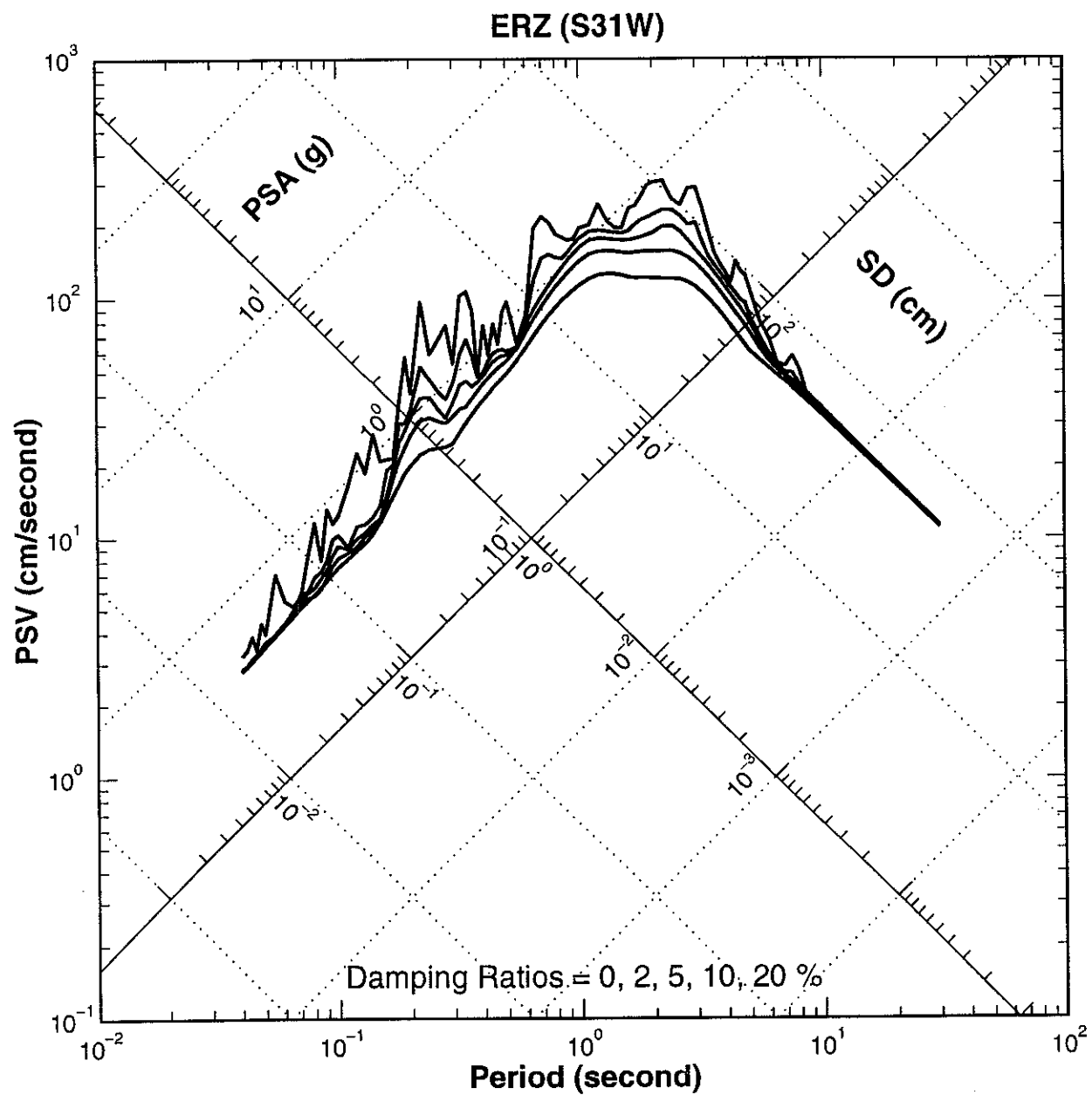


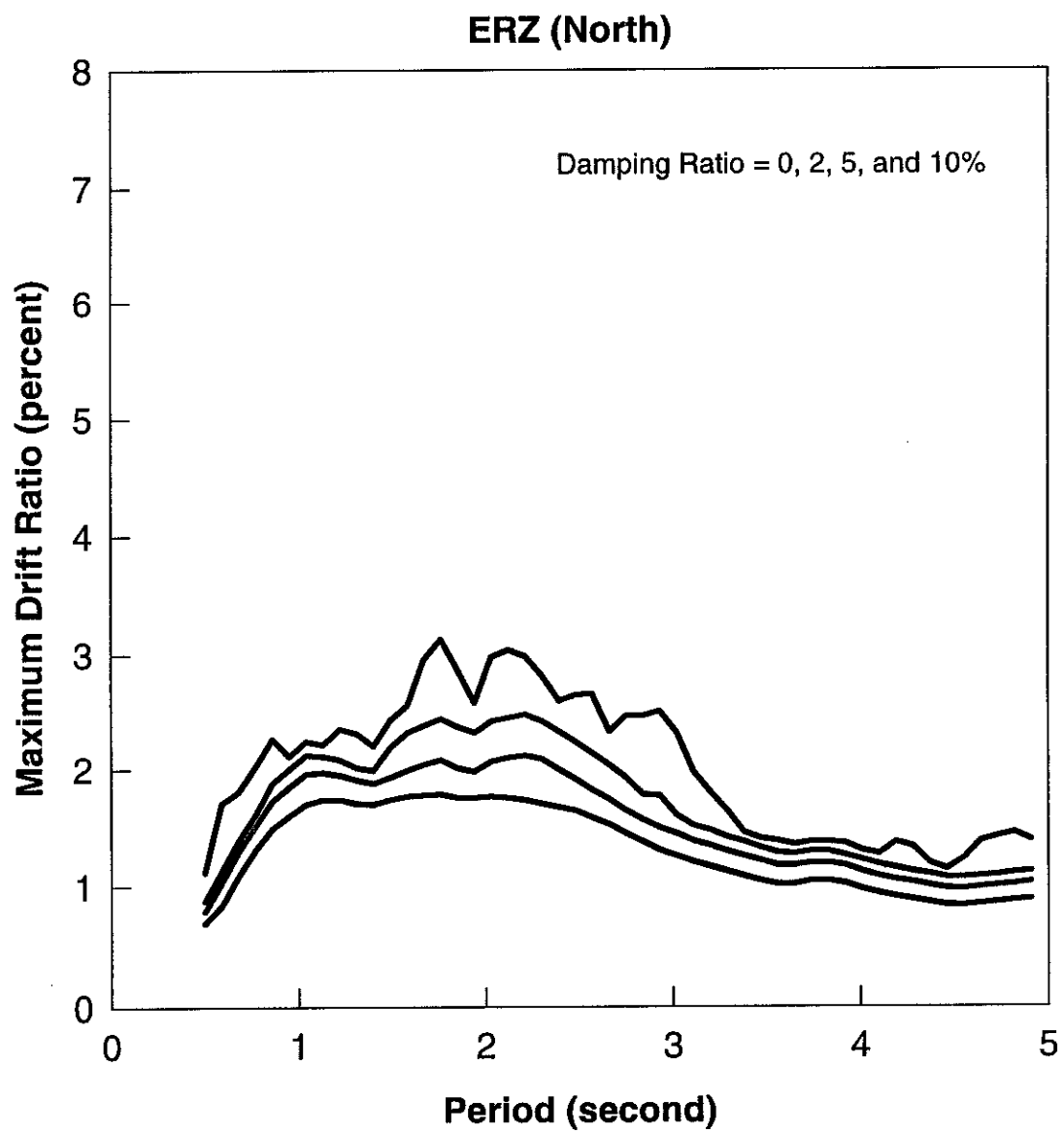


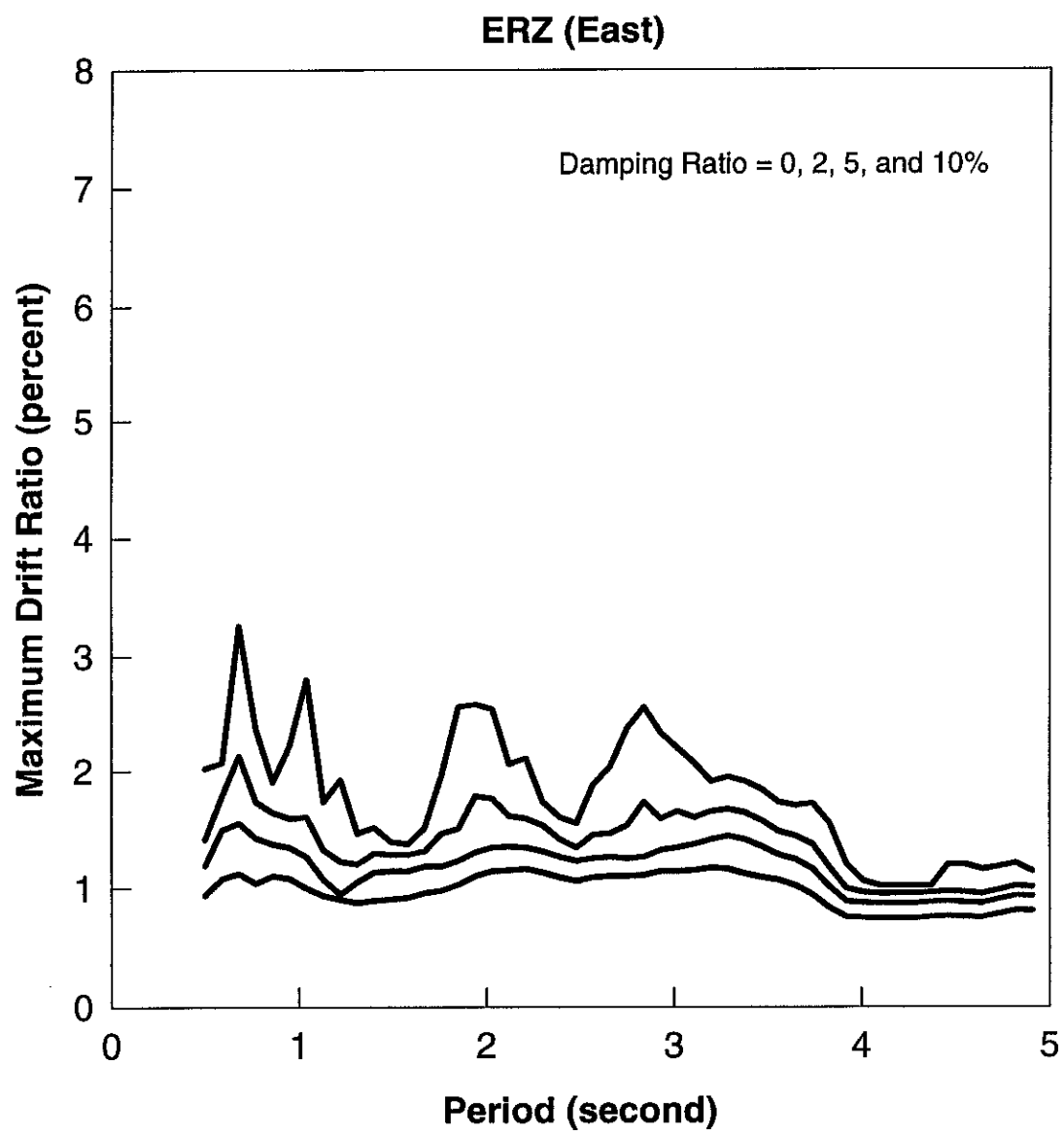


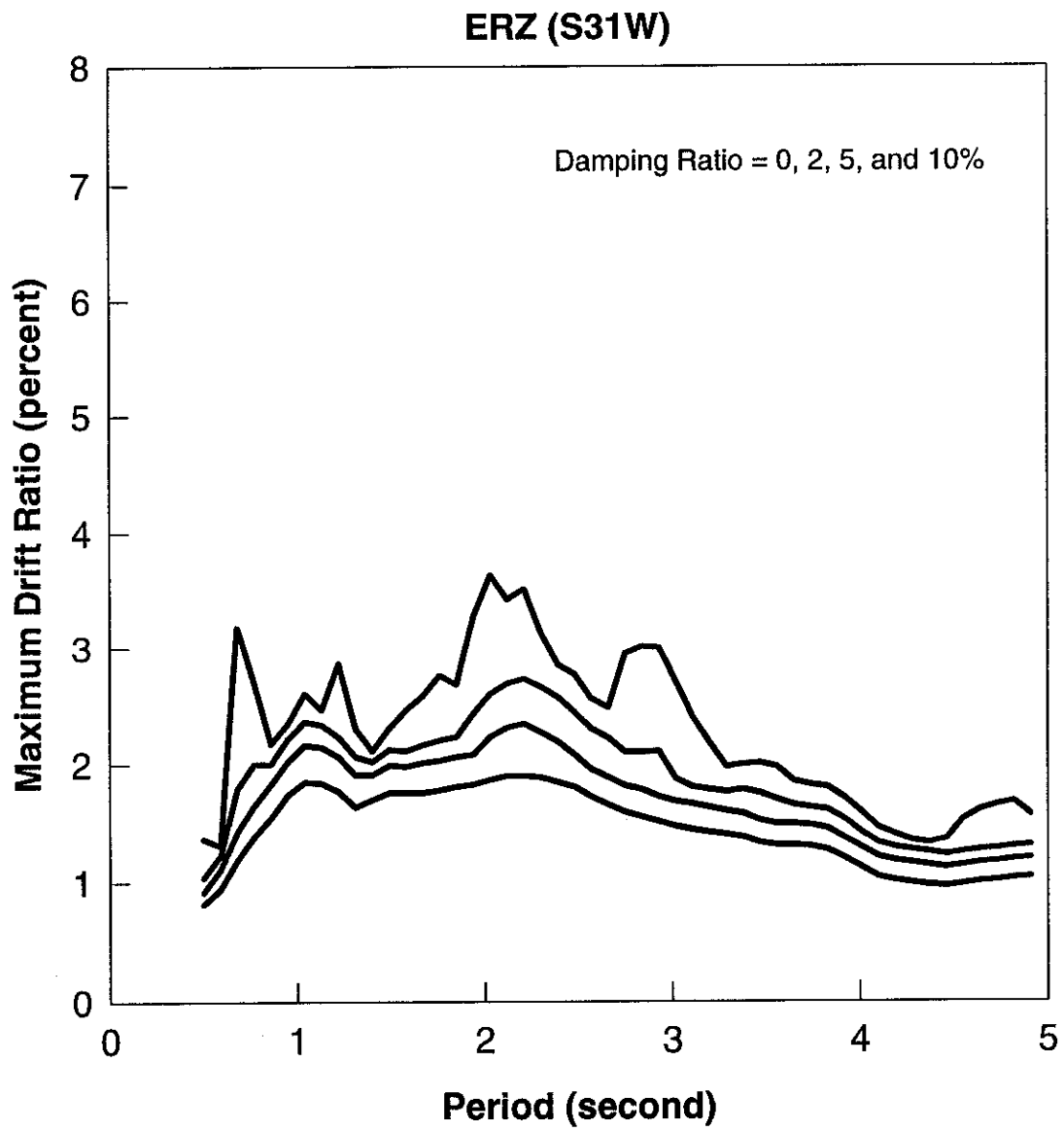












APPENDIX 1

TIME HISTORY, RESPONSE SPECTRUM, AND

DRIFT DEMAND SPECTRUM OF

EL CENTRO (ELC) NORTH

ELC (North)

